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## OCCUPATION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF LAMIA BY THE EMPIRE FORCES

EMPIRE FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF LAMIA IN GREECE, ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE RECEIVED IN LONDON, STATES A REUTER MESSAGE.

Outnumbered during a series of heavy attacks on Greek and British aerodromes, ports and troops, R.A.F. Hurricanes are now known to have destroyed 20 German planes over the Athens area on Sunday, Herr Hitler's birthday.

Two more enemy aircraft fell to aerodrome ground defences.

The Air Ministry News Service states that Hurricanes drove the Luftwaffe back time and time again and many dive-bombers and fighters preferred to machine-gun civilians in the streets and Greek villages than to face up to them.

## TRIPOLI HEAVILY BOMBARDED

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—The British Navy dealt another severe blow to the German forces in North Africa, when they heavily bombed the port of TRIPOLI yesterday morning.

The bombarding force consisted of both heavy and light craft.

## COMMENTARIES ON BALKANS

Two commentaries on the situation in the Balkans were broadcast from London last night.

MR. ROBERT FRASER, an Australian living in London, said that he was too proud to speak of what the Cockney had said about the Anzacs fighting in Greece. London had suffered severe raids last week and was still counting her dead.

But, Mr. Fraser added, Londoners were worrying more about the Anzacs and their own countrymen in Greece than themselves.

Whatever the cost of the fighting in the Balkans we had made three great gains by this great fight.

### PLAYED THE GAME

We had done the right thing. We played the game and did not rat on our friends. If we had not been prepared to help them who should others, including the United States, help us?

We had knocked some of the stuffing, at any rate, out of the German drive on our main artery in the Suez and we had suffered a few casualties compared to the enemy.

We had won time which was needed for reinforcements to reach Libya and for the United States decision to use the Red Sea to become effective.

Our resistance in Greece had gained us some of that time.

### YUGOSLAVIA'S ACTION

PROFESSOR LINDLEY FRASER said that some people may be asking what good did it do Yugoslavia to have stood up to the Nazi juggernaut? He would say it did good. It showed that Yugoslavia was confident that the day will come when the aggressor will be driven back. Yugoslavia entered the fighting knowing well how little we would be able to help them.

"Whatever news the next few days bring us there is no doubt that the battle of the southern Balkans will play a great part whereby the Nazi war machine will be worn down to its final stage of exhaustion," concluded Prof. Fraser.

## REINFORCEMENTS FOR P.I.

MANILA, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—United States reinforcements arrived yesterday aboard the U.S. Army transport, Republic, to strengthen the Philippine Islands' defences, say Japanese reports.

Seventeen officers and 2,058 men of whom 1,400 are infantrymen will be stationed in various parts of the island.

## Canada And Defence Of Greenland

### MR. ROOSEVELT TO VISIT OTTAWA

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Canada may participate in the defence of GREENLAND as she is already doing in the case of ICELAND.

This was revealed by Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, at a Press conference at which he announced the possibility of President Roosevelt visiting Ottawa.

Canada, he said, has been fully informed of the steps leading to the decision to establish United States bases in Greenland.

### MORE OPTIMISTIC

Referring to his visit to Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Mackenzie King said: "A talk with President Roosevelt always makes me more optimistic."

The main purpose of the Hyde Park declaration was to "monitise this continent as far as it was inhabited by Canada and the United States," to give the quickest and most efficient aid towards winning the war. No one could see the eagerness with which the United States is co-operating with the Allied war effort, without taking a brighter view of the situation.

### SEVERAL DAYS

OTTAWA, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Mr. Mackenzie King said that Mr. Roosevelt's visit would last for several days. He would stay with the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada.

## MATSUOKA RETURNS TO TOKYO: SAYS BERLIN, ROME WELCOME NEUTRALITY PACT WITH SOVIET

### German Economic Mission Due In Japan Soon

TOKYO, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—"ASK M. MOLOTOV OR M. STALIN" said the Japanese Foreign Minister, MR. MATSUOKA, when asked about the reported withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Far East, following the conclusion of the Neutrality Pact with Japan.

Mr. Matsuoka who arrived by air today, made a formal statement, describing his talks with M. Stalin as frank and friendly.

He said: "The Pact with the Soviet does not affect the Tripartite Pact, which remains the immutable basis of our policy. The Soviet-Japanese Pact is in a sense, a reinforcement of the Tripartite Pact."

There has been no misapprehension among the three Allied Governments in connexion with the Neutrality Pact. Both Germany and Italy, sincerely welcome the Pact which is an eloquent indication of the improvement of our relations with the Soviet."

Mr. Matsuoka arrived at the Tachikawa military aerodrome and was welcomed by high Government officials.

Mr. Matsuoka immediately left by car and went to his official residence.

A German economic mission, headed by Herr Helmuth Wohlthat,

## Warning To Foreign Ratepayers

### S.M.C.'S POLICY OF APPEASEMENT

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—A warning to the foreign ratepayers in Shanghai that they will suffer the consequences of the Shanghai Municipal Council's appeasement policy towards the Japanese, was made by the Chinese official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS this morning.

The paper, after pointing out Japanese terrorist activities in Shanghai, reported that Wang Ching-wei elements are organising wharf labour strikes.

If the British and United States authorities wish to preserve order in Shanghai, the Chinese daily states that appeasement cannot do it.

### OLD COUNCIL CONTINUES

SHANGHAI, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Pending the approval of the Treaty Powers of the Provisional Municipal Council voted last week by ratepayers, it is learned that the old Council is continuing to administer the affairs of the Settlement.

However, Mr. G. E. Mitchell is acting as Chairman in place of Mr. W. J. Keswick, who left for England yesterday.

It is stated that if the majority of the Treaty Powers give approval to the Provisional Council, opposition raised by Chungking will have to be dealt with "as a separate matter."

## AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT SUMMONED

SYDNEY, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—In response to the growing public demand, the Cabinet has decided to summon Parliament at an early date to discuss the war position.

Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister, in a statement, said that the decision follows the consideration of the latest cables from abroad.

It is intended to assist Australia to devote the whole of her resources to the task of equipping and supplying members of the Australian Force abroad.

It is felt that the situation should be faced frankly and resolutely.

## Tendency Among Colony People To Remain Disinterested In Problems Affecting Well-being Of Populace Deplored By Dean Wilson

Speaking yesterday at the annual meeting of the SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CHURCHES at St. John's Cathedral Hall, the VERY REV. J. L. WILSON, Dean of the Cathedral, deplored the tendency evident among people in this Colony to remain disinterested in problems that affect the well-being of the population.

"THERE IS A GREAT TENDENCY IN A COLONY SUCH AS THIS WHERE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE MAIN BODY OF THE PEOPLE TO BE REPRESENTED," Dean Wilson said, "TO ACQUIESCE TO THE STATUS QUO."

"If we ask awkward questions we are in danger of being thought busy bodies, or we shrink from the pain of mastering the subject in which we are interested, or it may be we are denied the information on which we could base a reasoned judgment."

"For example we know that the price of rice is high and that the wages of people are low, but as soon as we begin to ask why wages are so low or why rice is so high we are fobbed off with partial answers and excuses, the war situation involving the commandeering of ships, the scarcity of crops and the reiterated fear of a wholesale influx into the Colony which it is alleged would make matters worse."

"These are just a few of the many influences which prevent us from finding out the truth on the situation."

### JUST AS VAGUE

"On the other hand it is just as vague to speak of vested interests and profiteering without being sure of our facts, but in so far as we see individuals suffering and perishing, we cannot refrain from seeking answers to our questions nor are we exempt from the necessity of taking courageous but unpopular action in seeking to right a wrong where it can be done."

## CHINESE CURRENCY STABILISATION

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—According to a report from Washington, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, told a Press conference, that a United States-Chinese agreement will probably be signed this week to stabilise the Chinese currency with \$50,000,000 from the Treasury's \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

Mr. Morgenthau had an earlier conference with the Chinese Ambassador, and Mr. T. V. Soong.

## DAMAGE ON KIEL REVEALED

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Further details of the damage inflicted on the German naval base of KIEL were made known today.

The devastation as a result of the British bombing raid carried out on Apr. 18 include shipyards, constructional workshops, engine and turbine works and shed and iron stores.

Locomotive sheds were destroyed daylight yesterday and one bomber and an area containing stores in was shot down during the night buildings of 300, 200 and 150 feet in the course of British offensive long were completely burned out.

Complete roads and blockhouses in this district were demolished. Residential area between industrial plants unavoidably suffered damage.

### DOCKS ATTACKED

The docks at Le Havre were attacked last night by British aircraft, states an Air Ministry communique this morning.

Bombs were seen to burst among buildings and quays.

No British aircraft was missing. One German fighter was destroyed near the French coast in

### PLYMOUTH RAID

The German attack on Plymouth last night did not last long, but a number of fires were started, some of which were large.

Although the raid was severe, neither damage nor casualties were serious as in previous attacks on this area.

Bombs were also dropped in one or two other districts mainly in East Anglia.

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## Today's News Summary

EMPIRE FORCES have occupied defensive positions south of Lamia in Greece. It is officially stated in a communique from the Middle East. Hurricanes of the R.A.F. shot down 20 enemy planes over the Athens area on Sunday.

UNITS OF THE Royal Navy heavily bombed Tripoli harbour. Enemy coastal batteries opened fire but this proved ineffective.

DAMAGE WROUGHT IN Kiel, German naval base, raided by the R.A.F. last week, was revealed in London yesterday.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is to visit Ottawa soon and will remain there for several days. He will stay with the Governor-General.

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN Minister has returned to Tokyo from his visit to the Axis capitals and has made a statement on the recent Neutrality Pact with the Soviet.

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, former owner of the famous Hope diamond, has died in London, aged 75.

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## Governor Welcomed At Rotary Club Tiffin

### DEAN WILSON'S INTERESTING ADDRESS ON "THE BEAUTY OF ENGLAND"

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR GEOFFREY NORTH-COTE, K.C.M.G., WAS PRESENT YESTERDAY at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

His Excellency was welcomed by Rotarian President Dr. Arthur W. Woo who in a short speech remarked on the fact that Sir Geoffrey has always been a good friend of the Rotary Movement, and had helped the Club many times and in many ways.

Dr. Woo said: "It is my pleasure today to welcome our distinguished Hon. Rotarian, His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote. We were sorry when His Excellency had to leave us for a time because of ill-health.

"We rejoice today that he has returned, restored to health, full of vigour to guide us through these most difficult days. We are grateful to His Excellency for the inspiring message which he gave to

the people of Hongkong from Z.B.W. soon after his arrival.

"I think all Rotarians know that His Excellency has always been a good friend of the Rotary Movement. He has helped us many times and in many ways and even since his return he has again come to our aid in our effort to provide mobile canteens and ambulances for Great Britain and China.

"You will be interested to know that up to date the amount raised is \$39,700.

#### GOVERNOR THANKED

"It is only fitting that today I should, on behalf of the Club, thank His Excellency for all that he has done and for all I am sure he will continue to do. We also wish to assure His Excellency of the very great pleasure we feel in having him amongst us today and particularly to see him so fit and well.

"Your Excellency, we welcome you here most cordially, and hope that in the near future, when your duties permit, you will do us the honour of visiting us again and perhaps giving us a talk which, I feel sure, will be a great encouragement and stimulation."

His Excellency, replying, said that he had come to the meeting not expecting to make a speech at all other than to say "Thank you!" but would add that he was extremely appreciative of the reception accorded Dr. Woo's words of welcome and hoped that at a not too very distant time, when he would have prepared some notes, he would be able to address the Club on some subject it would like to hear about.

#### SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

Rotarian the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral, gave the week's address, his subject being "The Beauty of England."

"I do not think that anyone has the slightest chance of learning the elementary rules of internationalism until he has learnt to love deeply and passionately his own country," Dean Wilson said.

When speaking of the Beauty of England, one could be expected to say a word about the ways of seeing England. A motor-car was useful to go from one district to another, but it was difficult to get the feel of a country from a car.

The bicycle was another means of travel, but the real charms of the country were given to the saunterer who did not mind if his speed was but a mile an hour and who would find thus paths and untrodden ways which were missed by the rambling parties.

#### SPECIAL TOUR

"It is sometimes entertaining to make a special tour. The usual ones before this bestial destruction began were Castles and Cathedrals but one can follow the flight of some famous person in the history of England or make a literary tour following the places of Johnson's midland trip.

"It is perhaps a Scots strain in my heritage which makes me more vocal than most Englishmen about my country and its beauties. Nevertheless the silence which Englishmen affect about their country and the adverse criticisms which they make are but sly and crude concealments of their love.

"To those who are travellers, wanderers or sojourners in far off lands 'The secret sweetness in the stream' and the 'distant dearness of the hills' are more than happy memories of a land which was once home, they are forces which draw us back to an island which J. B. Priestley calls the most beautiful in the world. This is high praise but I feel it is fully justified.

#### DIFFICULT TO DEFINE

"The beauty of England is difficult to define—we have been inarticulate and reticent and much of the truest appreciation has come from American writers. I will quote two of them.

"Here is Washington Irving.

"The great charm, however, of English scenery is the moral feeling which pervades it. It is associated in the mind with ideas of order, of quiet, of sober well-established principles. Everything seems to be the growth of ages.

"The old church of remote architecture with its scrupulous preservation, the parsonage and

## MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE

### Rev. K. McKenzie Dow To Conduct Service

The annual Masonic Church service, under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China, will be held in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Sunday evening, Apr. 27, at 8.00 p.m.

It is expected that there will be a large gathering of Freemasons on this occasion, as in addition to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Officers, and members of the Scottish lodges in the district, all Freemasons of other Constitutions have also been invited to attend.

Visiting Freemasons, who are not members of any lodge in the district, will also be cordially welcomed at this service. Those attending will wear masonic regalia, and the adjoining Church Hall will be open at 8.30 p.m. for purposes of robing.

Rev. K. McKenzie Dow, District Senior Grand Chaplain of the Scottish Constitution, will conduct the service, and Brother G. E. Longyear will be at the organ.

## Home Soccer Programme

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures on Saturday, April 28:—

#### WAR CUP, SEMI-FINALS

Return Matches  
Leicester v. Arsenal; Newcastle v. Preston.

#### INTERNATIONAL MATCH

England v. Wales.

#### LONDON CUP

Queen's P.R. v. Brentford.

#### LEAGUE, SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Luton; Southampton v. Southampton; Watford v. Portsmouth.

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Tottenham; Mansfield v. Walsall; Millwall v. Northampton; Reading v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Fulham.

#### NORTH REGIONAL

Bolton v. Blackburn; Bradford v. Rochdale; Chesterfield v. Sheffield W.; Doncaster v. Halifax; Grimsby v. York; Huddersfield v. Burnley; Leeds v. Sheffield U.; Liverpool v. Manchester C.; Blackpool v. Middlesbrough; Barnsley v. New Brighton; Everton v. Oldham; Bury v. Rotherham; Bradford v. Tranmere; Southampton v. Wrexham.

#### REGIONAL MATCH

Stoke v. Chester.

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Aldon v. Airdrie; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hamilton v. Motherwell; Hibernian v. Dumbarton; Partick v. Celtic.

#### NEW PAPER MILL

The Yun Fong Paper Mill at an unrevealed locality in Yunnan, established in February last, will shortly start operation. Work on the installation of machinery is being speeded up and large stocks of raw materials have also been stored up.

It is expected that the plant will begin production at the beginning of June. (Central News).

neighbouring village with its venerable cottages and its public green sheltered by trees—all these common features of English landscape evince a calm and settled security that speaks deeply and truthfully for the moral character of the nation.

And here is William Winter: "If the beauty of England were only superficial it would produce only a superficial effect. . . . The conquering and lasting potency of it resides not alone in loveliness of expression but in loveliness of character. The picturesque variety and pastoral repose of the English landscape spring in a considerable measure from the imaginative taste and the affectionate gentleness of English people."

#### SPEAKER THANKED

Rotarian Professor R. Robertson thanked the speaker.

Among the guests were Mr. A. L. Davis, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow, Eng. Capt. Minnick, Mr. E. Lloyd Jones, Mr. Walter Wessellus, Mr. G. F. Murphy, Mr. A. Silcock, Mr. H. Pearce, Mr. Wm. Eu, Mr. P. de Roux, Mr. Leigh Turner, Mr. J. B. Davis, Mr. S. E. Faber, Mr. F. C. Clemo and Dr. Rybaczevsky.

## Children's Playground Association

### FINANCIAL POSITION SATISFACTORY

The annual meeting of the Children's Playground Association will be held on Monday, April 28, at 6.15 p.m. at the Office of the Registrar, Supreme Court.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Association for 1940 states that the financial position, as shown by the statement of accounts, was satisfactory though there was a comparatively smaller income for the year under review.

The Association is grateful to various clubs, associations, schools and individuals for their generous support.

The number of children using the playgrounds was as great as ever. Many schoolchildren used the playgrounds for drills and exercises.

#### BOYS' FOOTBALL

A Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organised for the Hongkong playgrounds. Over ten teams entered to compete for the Tung Fan Shield presented by Mr. T. F. Lo. The matches were keenly contested, and the first winner of the shield was the Tai Chung W. team.

An Inter-school Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organised for the Kowloon grounds. Over 10 schools took part in the competition for a large silver trophy kindly donated by Mr. Lai Tuen-po. The National English

## LONDON BOXING CONTEST

### Eric Boon Disqualified In The Second Round

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—There was a sensational end to the first boxing programme ever to be held in the historic London Coliseum last night when Eric Boon, British lightweight champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony with his leg, threatening the air.

It was a non-title contest of ten rounds, and Boon, the hot favourite, looked a certain winner as he repeatedly shook Berg with hammer-like punches, but he paid the penalty of over-eagerness.

#### CONTEST RECORDED

The Ministry of Information made a recording of the contest which is being broadcast to America later, as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite heavy "blitzes." There were traffic blockages and the house was crowded with people while others outside were clamouring for admission. This is ample proof of London's non-chalance.

School was successful as the first holder of the trophy.

#### AGENDA

The Agenda is as follows:—To confirm the minutes of the General Meeting held on April 29, 1940; To receive from the Executive Committee the Report and Statement of account for 1940; To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, and an

## DIED AFTER BEING KICKED AT SOCCER

An open verdict was recorded by Mr. W. G. Porter, the Singapore coroner, at the conclusion of the inquiry held into the death of Ramli bin Haji Dahlan, a 20-year-old riding boy.

According to the evidence led, it was stated that Ramli had played as goalkeeper in a game of football on a field near the stables of the Singapore Turf Club on Mar. 24.

At one stage of the game, Ramli was knocked down in a melee in front of his goal.

He had to be assisted home and complained of a pain in the chest. It was also stated that Ramli had been thrown off a horse while training in February, this year.

The following day Ramli got seriously ill and was taken to the hospital where he died about four hours after admission.

#### RESULT OF SHOCK

In his evidence, Dr. Au Kee Hock said that Ramli had died as a result of shock and haemorrhage of the gut.

He said that Ramli told him, himself, that he had been kicked, in the abdomen, just above the rupture, while playing football.

The doctor also said that it was his opinion that the rupture was caused 48 hours before admission and that it could not have been caused by a twist of the body or having been thrown off a horse a week previously. Although there was no external marks to show that Ramli had received a kick.

Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year; To elect the Chairman and other members of the General Committee; To elect an Honorary Auditor; To transact any other business.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

#### TODAY

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section Meeting (West Lounge) 6 p.m.

TENNIS.—Entries Close for Hongkong Tennis League.

WATER-POLO.—European Y.M.C.A. v. Middlesex Regt. ("Y" pool) 7.30 p.m.

#### TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Wal. Yan College Annual Athletic Meeting, at K.F.C., 1 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Kowloon C.C.), Junior Singles.—J. Odell v. A. L. Fisher, 8 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—P. K. Hoo' and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva or H. C. Eardley and Mrs. Torrible, 8.30 p.m. Junior Doubles.—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier, Senior Singles.—P. H. Wong v. M. P. Young.

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### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 26th April, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794), will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1941.

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### THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB

#### NOTICE

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for May Meeting, Sunday, 4th May, 1941, (weather permitting) may be obtained at:—

The Secretaries' Office, 3rd floor, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Jockey Club Club House—Happy Valley.

The Sports Club

The Club House, Macao.

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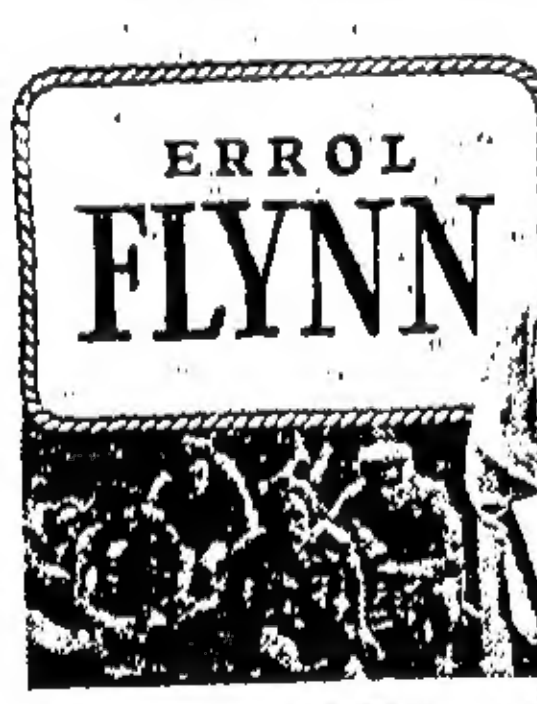
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TO-MORROW : Herman Brix, L. Mala in  
Republie Picture : "HAWK OF THE WILDERNESS"

## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL

23—Tides: High 8.14 a.m. and 8.41 p.m. Low: 1.17 a.m. and 1.57 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.  
Amateur Cinema Club Exhibition of Films. Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road, 9 p.m.

Governor to open Teachers' Training College.  
Cheero Club Dance: 8.30 p.m.  
Opening of Northcott Teachers' Training College, 5.30 p.m.  
Classical Dancing Display by Goucharoff School of Dance, Helena May, 5.10 p.m.

Band of 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt. H.K.C.C., 5.30 p.m.  
House Committee Mtg., S and S. Home, 5.30 p.m.

Laying of Wreath at Cenotaph by President and Committee of St. George's Society, 12.45 p.m.

Chinese "Y" Health Movement, Dr. Li Tso-yan on "Health and Preservation," Bridges St., 7.30 p.m.  
Entries Close for Tennis League.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.

24—Tides: High 8.37 a.m. and 8.50 p.m. Low: 1.50 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.  
Lecture: Lives of Noted European Musicians. Chinese Y.C.M.A., Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of R.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Bldg., 12 noon  
Wah Yan College Sports, K.F.C., 1 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Christian and Missionary Alliance, Young People's Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Meeting of H.K. Philatelic Society, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.  
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.02 a.m. and 9.21 p.m. Low: 2.22 a.m. and 2.57 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.  
V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis, 5.30 p.m.

26—Tides: High 9.22 a.m. and 10.11 p.m. Low: 2.53 a.m. and 3.38 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.55 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.  
Fourth Extra Race Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, 2 p.m.

V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre.

Boys' and Girls' Club Assn. Annual Sports, Caroline Hill.  
Little Flower Club Dance, King's Park, 8 p.m.

27—Tides: High 9.44 a.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low: 3.53 a.m. and 4.56 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.  
Benefit Performance for St. Vincent de Paul's Society of "David Copperfield," King's Theatre, 11.30 a.m.

Tsinghua Alumni Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Annual Masonic Church Service, Union Church, Kennedy Road, 6 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9.58 a.m. and 11.28 p.m. Low: 3.53 a.m. and 4.56 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.  
Annual Meeting of Children's Playground Assn., Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, 5.15 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10.21 a.m. Low: 4.21 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.  
Claims against Estate of late Mr. W. A. W. Dawn due.

30—Tides: High 12.08 p.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low: 4.44 a.m. and 6.18 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.

Annual Mtg. of Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., Offices of Messrs. Love Bingham and Matthews, 11.30 a.m.

H.K. Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Sir. Filly Kadoorie and Sons, noon.

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12.30 Military Band Music w. Peter Dawson (Bass).

The Standard of St. George—Quick March (Alford)—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands, conducted by W. H. Campbell.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Hearts of Oak; The Old Brigade; Lads in Navy Blue; Here's a health unto His Majesty; Rule Britannia—Peter Dawson (Bass).

Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams); Britannia—Slow March (arr. Trayton Adams)—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands conducted by Burgess.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Private Tommy Atkins; Britain—Grenadiers; Red, White & Blue—Peter Dawson (Bass).

English Folk Songs and Dances—Intro: John Barleycorn; Admiral Benvolio; As I Walked through the Meadows; Bingo; Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron; Nancy's Fancy; Drunken Sailor; Baccy Pipes Jig; Ol' Walz! Walz!; Heave Away My Johnny; Barley Mow; The Crystal Spring; Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards conducted by Lieut. G. H. Willcocks.

Good Green Acres of Home (Kahal and Fain)—Peter Dawson (Bass); Sussex by the Sea—March (Ward Hizer)—The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force conducted by Flight-Lt. Amers with Male Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal.  
1.01 Variety.

Piano—The King's Horses (Gay & Graham)—Rale Da Costa. Vocal—The Army, The Navy and The Air Force (Darewski)—Cyril Norman with Herman Darewski & his Band. Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. by Deboy Somers)—Reginald Fort. Comedian—Mary From the Dairy: The Woman Improver—Max Miller. Orchestra—Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home (Noel, Felos)—Billy Cotton and his Band with Vocal Chorus. Vocal—Old Soldiers Never Die—Intro: Fall in and Follow Me; Let the Great Big World Keep Turning; Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend? Made-moise from Armentiers; There's a Long Long Trail; Take me Back Dear Old Blighty; If You Were the Only Girl in the World; It's a Long Way to Tipperary; Fall in and Follow Me—Gracie Fields.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 An Elgar Programme.  
"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66—Introduction and Dance of Nautch Girls—Minuet No. 3—Warrior's Dance—March of the Mogul Emperors—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar. Like to the Damask Rose—Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood. Song of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4)—Dennis Noble and Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, conducted by Capt. Causley Windram. Queen Mary's Song—Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood. Land of Hope and Glory—Nancy Evans & Chorus w. the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Capt. Causley Windram.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

### 6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

#### 6.32 Topical Wartime Dance Music.

6/8—Follow the White Line—Harry Roy and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Till the Lights of London Shine Again—Jack Jackson and His Band. Quick-Step—Berlin or Bust—Jack Payne and his Band. Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out the Moon; Good-bye, Sally—Jay Wilbur and his Band. Quick-Step—We Must All Stick Together—Gerald and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Lords of the Air; We'll Remember—The Organ, the Dance Band and Me. Quick-Step—Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major—Sidney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: "From the Old Country."

7.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."

Overture—Light Opera Orchestra: When Maiden Loves, She Sits & Sighs—Nellie Briere (Contralto). Were I Thy Bride—Nellie Briere (Contralto). Sergeant Mervil. Is It True?—Peter Dawson (Bass).

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## THRILLING FILM AT KING'S THEATRE

### Trapped In The Sky

Recent years have given us many a fine Jack Holt film, but none so thrilling, so dramatic and so timely as his "Trapped in the Sky" promises to be.

The new Columbia production, which opens today at the King's Theatre, presents the two-listed star as an Army officer in a story of international espionage, dangerous intrigue and action-tense aviation.

The crux of "Trapped in the Sky" is a remarkable electric bombing plane which has been invented, perfected, and offered to the United States War Department. The secret of this plane is jealously guarded. A bomber, powered from the ground, it is flown by a pilot, the same as any other plane. It carries no fuel since its electric engine is operated by radio from gigantic power houses on the ground.

It soon develops, however, that dangerous enemies know about the plane and covet it. Foreign agents sign a baroness to obtain the plans, and a greedy traitor does his best to sabotage the preliminary tests so that the government will reject the plane.

An exceptionally strong cast appears in support of Jack Holt. Ralph Morgan, C. Henry Gordon and Katherine DeMille head the featured players, and Ivan Lebedeff, Sidney Blackmer and Regis Toomey have other important roles.

## 'LA CONGA NIGHTS'

With Hugh Herbert playing seven different roles and fighting to steal comedy scenes from himself, Universal's musical farce, "La Conga Nights," is at the Majestic Theatre.

Spilling laughter and rapid-fire "gags" through every scene, the film reveals Herbert playing his mother, his grandfather and a quartette of dizzy sisters in addition to "himself." Destined to rank as one of the funniest pictures of the year, "La Conga Nights" is generously sprinkled with hitting music, new songs and gay dance routines.

Constance Moore as a pretty singer out of a job, and Dennis O'Keefe in the role of a dancing taxi-driver are youthful and refreshing in well played romantic roles. But it's Herbert who keeps the laughs bubbling forth from beginning to end.

## AMERICAN WOMEN PLEDGE SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (Central)—The United China Relief National Women's Committee in New York on Sunday cabled to pledge support to the national conference of Chinese women leaders now in session in Chungking under the leadership of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The message signed by Pearl Buck, famous "American" novelist and author of "Good Earth," reads in part: "Your valours deeply touch the hearts of American women."

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## CHINA WAR:

## Chinese, Japanese Troops Locked In Bloody Fighting For Ningpo: Heavy Losses Inflicted Upon Attackers

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—Field dispatches reveal that sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting took place in Ningpo, the prosperous Chekiang port on the Yang River, yesterday before the Chinese evacuated the town.

The Japanese, numbering about 4,000, came along the west bank of the river and broke into the town around noon. Considerable casualties were inflicted upon them as the Chinese, taking up favourable positions, directed intense fire.

Fighting is reported to be now in progress in the suburban districts.

The Japanese who penetrated into Chinnai, 20 miles north-west of Ningpo, continued to push westward. Chinese troops made an assault at their rear and succeeded in making a brief re-occupation of Chinnai at 2 p.m. yesterday.

**HWANGYEN OCCUPIED**  
Hwangyen, west of Haimen, was entered by the Japanese on Saturday night. Driving up the Lingkiang River, they broke into Tanchow, 20 miles above Hwangyen, yesterday afternoon. Chinese troops who evacuated the town are offering resistance in the outskirts.

The advance on Wenchow on the southern Chekiang coast of the Japanese troops landing at Julian, 20 miles south of Wenchow at the entrance of the Felyun (Flying Cloud) River was checked yesterday. Other Japanese units landing at Shayuncheng on the south bank of the Felyun River are also intercepted.

**STIFF RESISTANCE**  
After meeting with stiff Chinese resistance at Sintienwan, the Japanese troops driving southward from Shaoching and Shaoshan, called in reinforcements yesterday morning. Supported by squadrons of planes, they made a fierce assault on Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, 35 miles south of Shaoshan and 74 miles north-east of Kihwa, and penetrated into the town at noon. The Chinese continue to fight them in the outskirts.

The Japanese who entered Yintienkai, north-west of Chuki, pushed to Santa, south of Yintienkai.

## CENTRAL HUPEH OPERATIONS

## JAPANESE COLUMN DECIMATED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—Fighting on the southern slope of the Tachung mountain range in central Hupeh is increasing in violence. As a result of vigorous Chinese counter-attacks, the entire Japanese line began to show signs of weakening.

Suffering severe losses in their reckless attacks, the Japanese column advancing towards the eastern slope of the Tachung mountain range has been intercepted by the Chinese south of Liungtien and in the vicinity of Sanlikang, where heavy fighting is continuing.

A brisk engagement was fought on April 13 in the neighbourhood of Shuangliensze and Peifeng south of Tanyang in central Hupeh, where a Japanese unit was heavily attacked and decimated by the Chinese. More than 100 Japanese casualties were inflicted and several prisoners including a corporal named Araki were taken.

## JAPANESE CAPTURE FUKIEN TOWNS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—Military advices state that Japanese troops landing at the mouth of the Min River in Fukien have penetrated into Lienkang and Changlo on the north and south banks respectively. Chinese troops are offering resistance in the neighbourhood of these towns to check the Japanese advance.

The objective of the Japanese drive is believed to be Foochow.

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The formation of a Basque National Council to continue the work of the Basque Government and to join with the Democrats in the fight against the totalitarian Powers was announced by the Basque Delegation in London yesterday.

The Council aims at attaining the full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi, established at Guernica in October 1936, and the recognition of it by all nations.

## CAUTIOUS NAZI ADVANCE IN GREECE

## British Withdrawal Nearing Completion

ATHENS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece yesterday.

It says: "Despite continuous bombing, the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion. The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

**LARISSA EVACUATED**  
CAIRO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece, the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to the latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

The situation is described as still serious and is likely to remain so for a day or two.

The German advances have been effected at the cost of heavy losses.

## RESHUFFLE OF PETAIN CABINET?

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Petain's Cabinet is being discussed at Vichy, according to information from the French frontier.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, the Agency says, appear to have strengthened the position favouring closer collaboration with Germany, but it is unlikely that Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

One possibility is Laval's appointment as Ambassador in Paris to replace Count de Brinon. He will then be head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden.

## BELGIAN SABOTEURS ACTIVE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the Army of Occupation" in the Hainaut Province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states Inbel, (Free Belgian news agency).

These, it states, will include taking hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies.

## Empire Air Fighters

The number of pilot officers and sergeants trained under Britain's Empire Air Training Scheme is now over one-third more than the total originally aimed at.

The first contingents of them have been posted for active service in the United Kingdom from the Empire Training Schools which have been set up in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

When the Scheme, which has just completed its first twelve months' work, is in full operation, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are expected to produce from their own resources alone, no fewer than 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews each year, all fully trained to meet the enemy. Canada is, in addition, our "finishing school" for airmen from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Potential air crews come from their recruiting centre to training depots and are then drafted to the Initial Training Schools. From there each branch takes its appropriate course of instruction and all of them then go on to the Bombing and Gunnery Schools.

After a further four weeks at Air Navigation Schools for the observers all the men go overseas for six months' practical training. The fact that the first contingents of them are already bringing down the Luftwaffe is its own testimony to the swift success of the Scheme.

## COMMISSIONER ATTACKS

## Government Attitude On A.R.P. Expense

The view that the unanimous decision taken by the Singapore Municipality in connexion with the allocation of expenditure on air raid precautions between the Government and the Municipality was a wise one and the very best in the circumstances, was expressed by Mr. L. Rayman, the president of the Municipal Commissioners, in reply to a criticism by Mr. E. J. Bennett at the monthly meeting recently.

"I think the action taken by the Government," Mr. Rayman said, "was undoubtedly correct, in this sense that it was absolutely essential to get the work done."

"It would have been fatal, if not disgraceful, to delay necessary work of this kind while we argued who is to pay and what proportion."

Mr. Rayman said that he, nevertheless, welcomed Mr. Bennett's protest. He thought, Mr. Rayman said, it was quite clear that when the question was first mooted the Commissioners took the view that they should not be saddled with any of that expenditure and he had to maintain in his argument with the Government that that was the attitude of the Commissioners.

"I still feel as I felt when I argued on this committee (the Clarke Committee) that no convincing reason has been advanced why the Commissioners should bear any part of the expenditure," added Mr. Rayman.

## SHOULDERING COST

Mr. Bennett pointed out that, although he had agreed to the compromise solution, he wished to place on record that he considered the question of the Singapore Municipality shouldering any part of the cost should never have been put forward by Government.

"When the Commissioners were first approached by Government in this matter," Mr. Bennett continued, "we realised that fighting the question of finding responsibility would mean delay, which would have been deplorable. So we agreed in principle to the work as outlined being taken in hand at once, the question of who was to pay being left over for future discussion. There was nothing else we could do under the circumstances."

"I subscribe entirely to the view recorded in the minutes of last May."

That anti-air raid or passive defence is, as the Secretary for Defence admits, *prima facie* a function of the Government and expenditure on such defence is on the Government account, that the Municipal Commissioners should not accept liability for any part of such expenditure without convincing reasons and that no such reasons have yet been advanced.

## ONEROUS POSITION

"The action of the Government in this matter, from the beginning, placed the Commissioners in the onerous position of having to accept a financial responsibility which is definitely entirely one for the Government alone, to avoid delay where quick action was vital, and I now record my strongest protest at this action of the Government," declared Mr. Bennett.

## NOVEL METHOD OF CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called "Airgraph," a system under which servicemen's letters will be photographed on to a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit, more frequent and larger mails, since 4,500 letter negatives weigh only one pound.

The charge for each letter will be 3d.

A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as the technical arrangements are completed.

## KOKIU BOMBED

KUNMING, Apr. 22 (Central).—Six Japanese planes bombed Kokiu, tin mining town in Yunnan, yesterday morning. Many explosives were dropped but the damage houses before they withdrew.

## ABYSSINIAN SITUATION

## BRITISH DEMAND REJECTED BY ITALIANS

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy and C-in-C Italian forces in Abyssinia, has rejected the demand stated to have been made by Lieut-General A. G. Cunningham that the Italians should lay down their arms, says the Italian official agency in Rome.

The Duke has assured Mr. Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connexion with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that, if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

## WRITTEN CONFIRMATION

The Duke of Aosta demanded the confirmation of this statement in writing.

General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his statement.

The following reply was sent by the Duke, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration. The responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you, from the moment when the British forces or native forces were organised and armed by you to occupy localities inhabited by whites."

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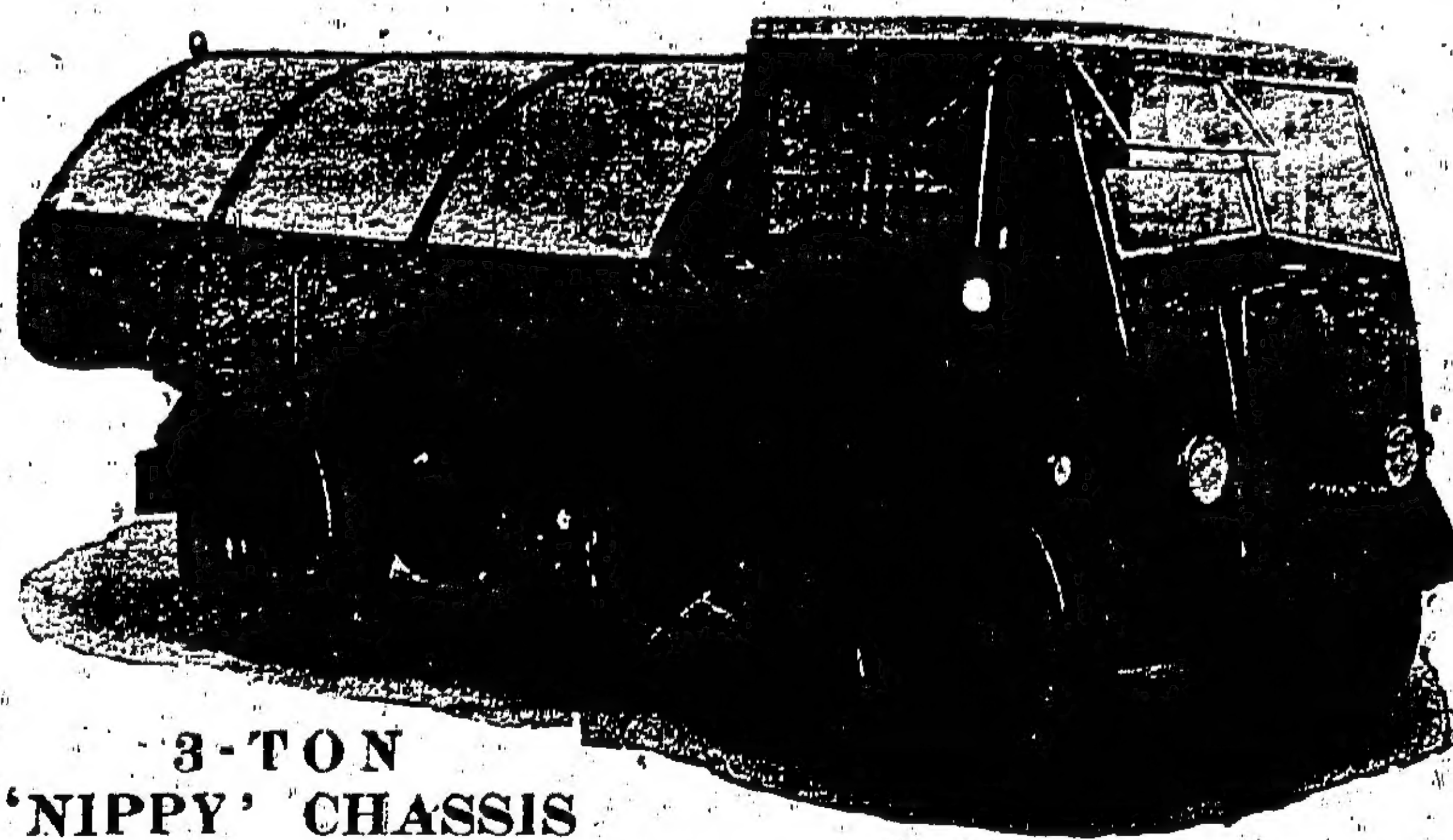
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Among those present were the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. D. C. Edmondston and Mr. P. H. Suckling (Directors), Mr. R. Taylor (Manager and Secretary), Mr. J. M. Hood (Assistant Secretary), and Messrs. S. S. Harris, F. E. Silva, Ho Kai-ham, Fung Yu-sung, Mok Yu-yun, A. Vaswani, B. Wong Tape, Lam Ming-fan, and Li Shiu-chung (shareholders).

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Meeting, I have to report with regret the retirement at the end of February last of Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the post of Managing Director. The indifferent condition of Mr. Taggart's health which had persisted over a lengthy period became so acute that in January last, acting under medical advice, he was compelled to make speedy arrangements to leave the Colony.

Your directors much regret thus being deprived of his able assistance, and I desire to express on their behalf sincere wishes for his speedy return to normal health. I feel sure you desire to be associated with this sentiment.

At our last meeting, I acquainted shareholders at length of the very valuable services which Mr. Taggart had rendered the Company over a period of 10 years, and of his appointment as Managing Director during the year then under review. The expression of appreciation to him which I then recorded on behalf of the members of the Company received the unanimous approval of all shareholders present at the Meeting.

### HONORARIUM OF \$15,000

You will recollect I also informed you that Mr. Taggart had received "no remuneration, other than that received by him as an ordinary director of the Company, in respect of the volume of additional work he had undertaken, but that the Board proposed, as a matter of common equity, to rectify that position. In consonance with that proposal, the directors in September last unanimously voted Mr. Taggart an honorarium of \$15,000.00 in recognition of the extra services referred to, and I have no doubt that such meets with your approval.

The nett result of the year's working shown by the Profit and Loss Account is a credit of \$875,097.18 (an improvement of approximately \$120,000 over last year's figure) and taken in conjunction with the amount brought forward from the previous year, makes available for appropriation today the sum of \$841,480.00.

### SOARING FREIGHT RATES

With reference to the Balance Sheet, you will note that the item "Stocks on Hand" stands at \$1,967,171.32, which is, \$512,000.00 more than the valuation figure at December 31, 1939. Unfortunately, this enhanced figure does not represent an increase in quantities held, for the reason that soaring freight rates in respect of the carriage of raw materials and packing materials are largely responsible therefore, although increased prices of the commodities at the source of supply also apply to a minor degree.

Your plant at Hok On has been kept in excellent condition, and has worked at full capacity throughout the year under adverse conditions, while the output of previous years has been maintained.

### MANY DIFFICULTIES

Many difficulties have been encountered during the year under review in connexion with the acquisition of the raw materials and packing materials we required. In my remarks from the Chair last year I stated that we had stocks in situ and materials contracted for at favourable prices which together should be sufficient for the operation of your plant at maximum output for an approximate period of two years.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of suppliers and ourselves, many disappointments have been suffered in respect of those contracts. With regard to packing materials we were forced by the continually increasing cost of each shipment (incurred through controlled export prices from Britain) to cancel

contracts and obtain similar articles from Canada at fixed F.O.B. prices which were comparatively more favourable.

A contract for the delivery of 150,000 tons of limestone was suspended (when only 80,000 tons had been delivered) because of the embargo placed on British and allied ships trading with Indo-China Ports. Subsequently, this contract lapsed owing to effluxion of time. It then became necessary to arrange for the carriage of limestone on neutral ships at greatly increased freight rates, and freight rates are, as you are aware, soaring continuously. We have secured tonnage up to the end of September next which is as far as ship-owners will commit themselves under present conditions. At that time it is estimated our stock heap will approximate 90,000 tons.

### GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

On Oct. 24, 1940 the Company received a notification from the Competent Authority that an inquiry would be held by Government into the Company's production costs and the selling prices of cement in the Colony. To protect the Company's interests it was considered advisable to retain the services of the Company's auditors and its legal advisers in connexion with the inquiry. Much heavy work was involved in preparing and submitting evidence in support of the Company's contentions, and I wish to record the Company's gratitude to Mr. Wadson of Messrs. Deacons, to Mr. Bitchie of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, to Mr. Taylor, our Manager, and Secretary, and to Mr. Suckling (who was then acting as Alternate Director for Mr. Taggart) in respect of the sterling services rendered by each of them in that relation and the manner in which they presented the Company's case during the proceedings at the inquiry.

In the course of the inquiry, an Order, dated Dec. 24, 1940, was served upon your manager, requesting production of all books, documents, etc., of the Company to the Accountant-General on demand. (The demands of the Accountant-General were duly complied with to his full satisfaction. The inquiry terminated on Jan. 14 last, but up to date we have not been able to obtain a copy of the findings in respect thereof.

### EXPORT PROHIBITED

Although operating conditions fully justified it, we refrained from increasing our selling prices during the enquiry, but early in February notification of increased selling prices operative from the 10th of that month were notified to all concerned. The Hongkong Government Gazette of Feb. 7, 1941, however, contained an Order which prohibited the export of cement, except under Licence, and controlled the selling prices of our product in the Colony at the rates ruling on the date of the last sitting of the inquiry, i.e. Jan. 14, 1941. On those selling prices it was impossible for the Company to operate without incurring losses, and, accordingly, strong representations were immediately made to Government in the matter, which resulted in amended Control prices (which are in force at the present time) being published in the Gazette of Feb. 15, 1941.

The prohibition (save under Licence) in respect of the export of our products is of serious import to the Company for, as you know, we have had in the past to rely to a great extent upon our export market in order to maintain the Company's existence. We are informed that, by an understanding between the respective Governments of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, export of our product to the latter is entirely prohibited, and that Licences will

## IMMIGRATION OFFICE EMPLOYEE SENT TO PRISON FOR EIGHT MONTHS: DEMANDED \$4

An employee of the Immigration Office at Taiipo, Lau Yan, who was also an A.R.P. Warden, and Wong Choi, alias Wong Kai-ming, unemployed, were charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with demanding \$4, with menaces, from Yau Tim, on March 13 at Taiipo.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Sgt. E. Franklin. The jury comprised of Messrs. R. A. Wickerson (Foreman), Wong Sik-kwal, J. H. Chan du Loy, Ip Fook-sing, Leung Pui-yim, Wong Shiu-kit and Wong Sik-ching.

Mr. Murphy said that the first accused was a junior assistant in the Immigration Department at Taiipo and second accused was an unemployed.

On March 13 last, Yau Tim, a native of Hongkong, went to Taiipo in search of work and rented a cubicle at Wah Nam boarding house.

At 7.30 p.m. the same day first and second accused went into Yau's cubicle and the first accused inquired of Yau as to whether he possessed an Immigration permit. When Yau replied he had no permit first accused told him he must get one and pay \$25. Second accused also told Yau to get a permit.

### DRAWN INTO STREET

Yau was dragged to the street by first accused and was threatened that unless he paid the money he would be taken to the Immigration Office. First accused then demanded \$4 to which Yau eventually agreed. Yau went back to the boarding house and after the numbers of the notes had been taken by the manager they were handed over to first accused. The notes were later found concealed under a stone and both defendants were arrested on information from Yau.

When formally charged first accused denied it while the second, in a statement, said he went up with first accused at the latter's request and later saw Yau handing to first accused four \$1 notes. He denied having taken part in the demand for money. This, Mr. Murphy pointed out, was no evidence against first accused though implicating him.

### OFFERED TEA MONEY

At the magisterial proceedings both elected to give evidence. The first stated he saw people removing luggage and at the boarding house learned that they came from Shau-chung and Ping Chau Island. They had no Immigration permits and he told them they must get them. When he left he was followed out by a fook who offered him \$4 as tea money which he refused.

Second accused again denied that he demanded money from the man but admitted being present when the demand was made by first accused.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Assistant I.O. at Taiipo, said first accused was employed to do clerical work and it was not part of his duty to question people as to whether they had permits. He had no power to make an arrest.

### UNANIMOUS VERDICT

Without retiring the jury returned a unanimous verdict of Guilty in the case of the first defendant and a 4-3 verdict against the second. After reconsideration the jury returned a 5 to 2 verdict.

In sentencing first accused to eight months' hard labour, His Lordship remarked that he had an opportunity of employment in a Government department and a chance of earning a decent living but had abused his employment in order to get money. Second accused, whom His Lordship said was playing second fiddle, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

not be issued for that purpose. It has been difficult for the Company to obtain licences for export to other destinations even after it has produced evidence that its stocks of manufactured cement are rapidly increasing despite the complete fulfilment of all local demands.

### PERIODICAL REVISION

In the negotiations with the Government for settling the present controlled selling prices, the basis of replacement costs was agreed upon in regard to computation, and periodical price revision has to be made on the same basis. In this connexion you will readily understand that it is necessary to provide for the future by now transferring a portion of current book profits to a Reserve from which to reduce the loss in values of stocks in hand when replacement costs fall. It is for that reason your Directors recommend setting aside \$280,000.00 out of the credit balance of Profit and Loss Account at the end of 1940, to a Raw Materials Reserve, and I trust you will approve their recommendation in that respect.

### BONUS TO STAFF

With regard to the staff, I have to inform you that in May last, owing to the state of his health, the Board reluctantly decided to terminate the services of Mr. T. C. T. Beck, our late Secretary, who had been on sick leave in England over a lengthy period, and who served the Company very ably over a term of ten years. In the consequent re-organisation of staff, Mr. R. Taylor was appointed to the substantive post of Manager and Secretary, and Mr. J. M. Hood was made Assistant Secretary an arrangement which has worked satisfactorily to date. Before concluding I have to record the Board's appreciation and thanks to all members of the Company's staff in respect of the loyal and efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties under difficult conditions, and I trust the recommendation of your Directors for the payment to them of a Bonus will receive your approval.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was seconded by Mr. B. Wong-Tape.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong were re-elected Directors on the proposal of Mr. Mok Yu-yun, seconded by Mr. Fung Yu-sung.

It was proposed by Mr. S. S. Harris and seconded by Mr. Lam Ming-fan that Messrs. Linstead

## HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., PROFIT

The nineteenth ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie and Sons, St. George's Bldg., on Wednesday, April 30, at noon when the Directors will submit the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended at Dec. 31, 1940.

The Net Profit for the year, after charging \$122,927.38 for Depreciation and providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees and Corporation Profits Tax for 1941/42 amounts to \$4,650.81.

The Balance brought forward from last account, after deducting Corporation Profits Tax for the year 1940/41 amounts to \$4,147.47 and the Directors will recommend that this sum, together with \$4,650.81, making a total of \$8,798.28, be carried forward to a new account.

## 142 FATAL T.B. CASES

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on April 19:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, four cases (two deaths); Cholera, 32 cases (13 deaths); Diphtheria, 14 cases (two deaths); Dysentery, 44 cases (17 deaths); Enteric Fever, 10 cases (six deaths); Measles, 20 cases (two deaths); Small-Pox, two cases; Tuberculosis, 264 cases (142 deaths).

### DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on April 21 are as follows:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever five cases; Cholera, two cases; Diphtheria, five cases; Dysentery, seven cases; Enteric Fever seven cases; Measles, four cases; Tuberculosis, 43 cases.

and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected Auditors to the Company for the ensuing year at the remuneration of \$1,000.00 each, per annum.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

Margaret Jane Russell, Deceased: All persons having claims against the estate of the late Miss Margaret Jane Russell who died on the 18th April, 1941, are requested to send full particulars thereof forthwith to Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors, of No. 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 24th April, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th April to 24th April 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1941.

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## DEATH

EDWARD.—On April 22nd at Struan Private Hospital, Sydney, Australia, KATHLEEN PAMELA, dearly beloved wife of D. S. Edward, P.W.D., Hong Kong. (By cable).

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## COMPLAINTS AGAINST BUS EMPLOYEES OCCUPYING SEATS

BY A STAFF REPORTER

"Passengers have first title to the seats on a bus," said an official of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., when interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday, in connexion with numerous complaints received that employees of the Company, on their way to or from work, allow passengers (including ladies) to stand while they, themselves, occupy the seats.

## Legislative Council Mtg.

The Legislative Council will meet at the Council Chambers at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow when the Attorney General will move that the amendments made by the Urban Council under section 4 (XVI) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, on March 25, 1941, to the by-laws under the heading "Conveyance" contained in Schedule A to that Ordinance, to take effect on May 1, 1941, be approved.

That the Third Volume of the new edition of the Regulations of the Colony which has been prepared under the authority of the Ordinances and Regulations of Hongkong (1937 edition) Ordinance, 1936, as amended by Ordinance No. 18 of 1939, and which has this day been laid before this Council be approved.

The Attorney General will also move the First reading of "A Bill to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933."

Wages. With the exigencies caused by the war today and the resultant increase in taxation, which has brought in its wake an increase in the price of practically every essential commodity, the plight of these workers is, indeed, a precarious one. Realising the needs of the mother country in order to bring her present struggle for freedom and independence to a successful conclusion, these salaried workers, who form a very large proportion of the Colony's population, have loyally responded and have accepted every fresh burden of increased living costs as cheerfully as circumstances permit. Prospects of relief from their employers are meagre. Business firms are also beginning to feel the pinch of restricted trade and the numerous demands which have been made on them.

With their profit-taking showing signs of further dwindling down, the question of paying their employees increased wages has had to be, in most cases, deferred.

THE EMPLOYEES themselves fully realise this position. Their grouse—and it must be admitted that they have one—is directed against the opportunities which the present position has given those in certain trades and positions to adopt unscrupulous methods to profit at the expense of the much burdened and under-paid working classes. We have already referred to the illegal profiteering and swindling that is going on in the rice trade, the firewood and charcoal business, and in various other directions on which the wage-earner is dependent for his existence. The malpractices of landlords are again coming into the lime-light as a result of attempts being made by them to increase their rentals or to evict tenants on the most flimsy excuses so as to collect further illegal amounts in "tea-money" or to extract bigger rents from those who are unable to get accommodation elsewhere. It is here that the working classes—the white collar employees of offices and the manual labourers—expect the Government to step in with a firm and heavy hand. So far the official action taken has

## St. George's Day

## BAND CONCERT AT H.K. CRICKET CLUB

The President of St. George's Society, supported by Past Presidents and the General Committee, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 12.45 p.m. today in commemoration of St. George's Day.

The President hopes that members of the Society generally will associate themselves with this ceremony.

## BAND CONCERT

At 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C. and Officers, the band of the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regt., will give a concert, at the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club when the following programme of music will be played:—

March, "The Standard of St. George" (Alford); Medley, "A Musical Switch" (Arr. Alford); Selection, "Cavalcade" (Coward); Pot Pourri, "The Golden Waltz" (Arr. Winter); Selection, "The Yeomen of the Guard" (Sullivan); Selection, "There'll Always be an England" (Novello); Medley, "Steps of Glory" (Arr. Winter); "God Bless America."

## GOD SAVE THE KING

Conductor, Mr. W. E. Kifford, A.R.C.M.

## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

## NEW POLICE CHIEF WELCOMED

Before proceeding with the regular business of the meeting of the Urban Council yesterday, Dr. N. C. Macleod (Vice-Chairman) extended a warm welcome to the new Commissioner of Police, Hon. Mr. J. P. Penfather-Evans, to the Council.

They had all read of the record of the new Commissioner of Police, said the speaker, and he had only to live up to it to make himself popular in Hongkong.

Referring to the question of rights of collection, Dr. Macleod stated that 1,900 coolies had been recruited. Of this total, 20 per cent. were professionals but not very many of them were members of the Guild. Everything, said Dr. Macleod, was ready for Government to take over on May 1.

An application for a food preserving licence for the premises on L.L. No. 2311, Smithfield, ground floor, was refused.

The usual Returns were tabled.

## LICENCES GRANTED

The following licences were granted between April 8 and April 21, both days inclusive: Food preserving establishments, one; food shops, two; eating houses, two; and permission to erect Neon signs, one.

Owing to the indisposition of the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Dr. N. C. Macleod (Deputy Director of Health Services), presided. Among those present were Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (D.P.W.), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (S.C.A.), Hon. Mr. J. P. Penfather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

## FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry Supreme Court, yesterday:—Mr. Henrique Alberto Botelho, clerk, of No. 167 Sai Yeung Choi Street, first floor, and Miss Lena Elaine Lisboa Rocha, sales girl, of No. 277 Prince Edward Road.

Mr. George McGregor, private of the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, of Victoria Barracks, and Miss Juana Teresa Ng, of No. 578 Nathan Rd.

Mr. Tjhan Leng Tjong, Lathorian, of No. 4 Belcher Street, and Miss Leung Pui-chung, of No. 25 Sai Street.

Dr. S. Y. Lin of Hongkong University Department of Biology and an authority on fishes will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Y's Men's Club at St. Francis Hotel tomorrow, at 1 p.m., his subject being "The Fishing Industry." Members may bring guests including ladies.

## Australian Airmen Combine Skill With Reckless Daring

A high tribute to the men of the Royal Australian Air Force was paid by MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, the aviation expert, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "Calling Australia."

"When I read in the official communiqués from Cairo of the work of the Royal Australian Air Force my mind goes back to 1914-18 to a period of fighting on the Western Front when casualties were a lot higher than anything, thank heaven, we have had in this war."

"In our squadron we had two Australians and they certainly lived up to the tradition of being men who were the greatest fighters in the world. Magnificent pilots, they also had the spirit. These pilots combined professional skill and terrific dash in battle. It was a great experience to be led into battle by one of them. When I happened to be in one of the formations they frightened me and frightened the enemy a lot more."

"I have watched the Australian air force growing with personal pride," said Maj. Stewart.

## VERY AIR-MINDED

The speaker went on to say that Australia was certainly air-minded and in the field of civil aviation, the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, in his view, was the greatest of all record breakers. Sir Charles did ten times more and faced ten times more difficulties than did Col. Lindbergh and got about ten times less.

Turning to the operations in Libya, Maj. Stewart said that the Australians had been up against the best aircraft and the best men Germany could send there. Man for man, machine for machine, they were not good enough for the Australians.

Maj. Stewart continued that the Australian pilots were using Hurricanes so well that they often inflicted heavy losses on the enemy for few or no losses at all to themselves. This was the test of successful fighting. This was also a great tribute to the tactical skill of the pilots in that they were able to give a good deal of aid to the troops on the ground especially when they were hard pressed by enemy mechanised units.

## IMPORTANT PART

Australia's part in the great Empire Air Training Scheme, said Maj. Stewart, was very important and, according to the present plan, Australia would have recruited about 58,000 men a year from now. The scheme had been greatly accelerated since it was mooted and pilots were now completing their

## BETTER TRAINING

But technical superiority could not win against superiority in numbers. Our aircraft crews fought with great dash and intelligence and these could only come from two things, namely, better training and better human material.

Put a good pilot in a good machine and you had a combination that could not be beaten by numbers or anything else.

"I think we are going to preserve the high technical quality of our machines," said Maj. Stewart. "American engineers are helping in this respect and they are very good indeed."

Reverting, in conclusion, to the Royal Flying Corps of the 1914-18 war, Maj. Stewart said that the men from the Dominions were the most courageous and whenever some particularly daring feat was done one often heard that it had been planned and executed by Australians. Sometimes their courage did go so far as to be reckless daring but the enemy found that there was method in their madness.

## ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO STEAL ARMY BLANKETS: CORPORAL CHARGED

CORPORAL LEONARD MUNSIE, 29, of the R.A.O.C., and six other Chinese including a woman were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with conspiracy to steal 215 blankets from the R.A.O.C. Depot at Matankok, property of the Military Authorities.

Accused were LO YAU, 32, LAI HOP, 28, tent menders, WONG KEUNG, 23, hair dresser, CHAN LUNG, 27, woman, LO PO, 30, and TSIM TAK, 34, tent menders.

Munsie was additionally charged with stealing three blankets, two sheets, a mosquito curtain and an electric light bulb from the R.A.O.C. Depot, and was alternatively charged, together with the woman, with receiving stolen property.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for first defendant, Mr. Hin-shing Lo for the second, while Mr. C. D'Almeida represented Munsie and the woman.

Lieut. C. T. Wallington was present for the Military Authorities.

## CASE OUTLINED

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said that about 9 a.m. on Mar. 14, L/Cpl. R. Bliss was on duty at the depot and saw Lai, who was employed there, come into the room and take the keys away.

About 40 minutes later he and a few friends went to the mess room. As tea was not yet prepared Bliss walked out of the room and saw Lo on top of the roof waving to a lorry at Gate No. 2. Bliss got suspicious and went to the Gate No. 1 to fetch a policeman. They returned to the gate and found Lo and Lai standing near the vehicle. They also found eight large sacks containing 215 army blankets on the lorry.

Questioned by Bliss, Lo handed him an army book and allegedly said, "This is an issue and Cpl. Munsie knew all about it."

The first three accused were arrested and Munsie, who was on duty at Fanling, was sent for.

## SEARCH MADE

A search was made at the woman's premises, No. 3, Ching Lung Street, and the Police found three blankets, two sheets, a mosquito

curtain and an electric light bulb, which were identified as Military property.

The last two defendants, who were alleged to have been involved in the offence, were arrested, on information, by a Chinese detective.

In the Police Station, Munsie denied knowledge of the conspiracy and, in regard to the larceny charge, said that the things had been given to him some years ago.

Further hearing was adjourned to May 22.

## DESPATCH RIDER KILLED

A fatal accident occurred during the local Army manoeuvres which began last Tuesday morning and ended on Saturday night.

The soldier involved was Pte. Nazir Ali, motorcycle despatch rider, who was killed on Friday while riding the vehicle.

## PLATINUM RING STOLEN

The theft of a platinum ring set with diamonds, valued at \$1,200, and \$100 in money from her bedroom on Saturday night has been reported to the Police by a woman, Wong Yiu, of No. 2, Humphreys Building, first floor.

## FISH POISONING

Six members of a family residing at West Point received treatment at Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for fish poisoning. They were allowed to return home.

## WANTED

WANTED (temporarily) European Inspector of Works. Salary \$450.00 a month.

Application forms may be obtained from the Correspondence Office, Public Works Department, Lower Albert Road.

Applications should be sent to reach the Director of Public Works not later than noon on Monday, 28th April, 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stubbs Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regulatory No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
1	Garden Lot No. 119	Stubbs Road, adjoining inland Lot No. 6749.	As per sale plan.	About 7,700	18	\$360

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$38.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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## THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirtieth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1941, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from the 23rd to the 30th day of April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1941.

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## Defensive Positions

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"During the British withdrawal across the plain of Thessaly, carpeted with wild flowers to present new positions, the retreating Imperial columns were constantly harassed by German dive-bombers, bombing and machine-gunning roads all day long.

"At a later stage, when low clouds forced German planes to low levels however, British Bren guns took a heavy toll of the German planes. An attempt to deal the withdrawal over a vital bridge by air bombing failed, because all bombs missed the mark.

"The spirit of the men at the front, is one of contempt for the Germans, once they are out of their machines. One party of Australians who fought an extreme rear-guard action and had to jettison their equipment, had only one desire—to rejoin their battalion and get re-equipped to give yet a warmer reception to the enemy."

### LINE UNBROKEN

SYDNEY, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The Australian line in Greece is still unbroken despite the mass of men and material hurled against it," said Mr. P. C. Spender, Minister for the Army, on Tuesday.

"General Sir Thomas Blamey says that our men have safely taken up new positions and are fighting on. Our losses are much lighter than had been feared. The enemy has been savagely mauled.

"Whatever may be the outcome of the battle in Greece, it will only mean that we shall fight on elsewhere. When the story of the battle is told, it will prove a story surpassing all legends of heroes of Ancient Greece and General Blamey will emerge from that battle as one of the greatest commanders in history."

### PATROLS ACTIVE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"A Middle East communiqué states: 'Libya: Our patrols have again been active.

"Abyssinia: As a result of an action in which the enemy sustained serious casualties, our southern column on Monday occupied an important position, covering the approach to Tessi. The forward move of our northern forces has again been countered by extensive road demolitions.

"In the south also, operations are proceeding satisfactorily and a further 17 officers and 549 other ranks have been secured."

## DEATH OF DUKE OF NEWCASTLE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The death has occurred of the 8th Duke of Newcastle (Henry Francis Hope Pelham-Clinton-Hope) in his 75th year.

The Duke was the ex-owner of the famous Hope diamond once the property of Marie Antoinette. He owns about 35,000 acres.

The Duke's heir is his son, the Earl of Lincoln.

## EASE STRAIN UPON EXCHANGE BETWEEN CANADIAN, U.S. DOLLAR

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The agreement reached between Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, and President Roosevelt, designed to mobilise all resources in North America to aid Britain apart from the obvious advantages, should ease the strain upon exchange between the Canadian and American dollar, says THE TIMES.

Apart from the arrangement that Canada supply large quantities of things urgently needed by the United States in part payment of war material she receives from the Republic, adds the paper, this purpose is further served by the agreement that, when material purchased from the United States is used in Canada for the manufacture of equipment to be supplied to Britain, will be supplied under the Lease and Lend conditions.

### SWIFT AID

All this is in accordance with the President's policy not to let financial considerations interfere with giving swift and effective aid to countries fighting actively in the common cause.

"It is a counterpart on a bigger scale of co-ordination of war production resources of countries east and south of the Suez under the Eastern Supply Council. And it establishes a new link between the British Empire and the United States over a Canadian bridge, a value of which is becoming ever more apparent."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says that by this agreement, President Roosevelt has made a clear policy that he considers it necessary for the safety and honour of his country.

### MORE SIGNIFICANT

The complete association of the United States and Britain in aircraft production was an act of the first importance. The pact with Canada is still more significant and has consequences of reaching farther. By deed and word, it declared that the United States will co-operate in every department of armament production with Canada for the defence of Britain and needs equally the co-operation from Canada for the defence of American security.

A great Republic and the British Commonwealth are declared interdependent.

## NEW INDIAN AGENT

Mr. S. Dutt, the new Agent of the Government of India for Malaya, has arrived in Penang from India.

Mr. Dutt was met by Mr. N. Raghavan, President of the Central Indian Association of Malaya, Dr. N. K. Menon, President of the Penang Indian Association, Mr. A. L. A. Agappa Chettiar, President of the Chettiar Chamber of Commerce, Mr. V. Nadeson Pillai, J.P., President of the Penang Hindu Sabha, Mr. T. H. Tyebkhan, President of the Penang Indian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Annagamy, Agent of the Indian Overseas Bank, Penang, Mr. T. G. Nataraja Pillai, Office Assistant to the A. G. L. Kuala Lumpur, Mr. L. Natarajan, hon. secretary of the Penang Ramakrishna Mission and Mr. P. D. Nambayar.

After the formal introductions were over, Mr. Dutt was garlanded,

## HEROISM OF GREEKS IN FIGHTING AGAINST NAZIS: IMMEDIATE SITUATION

"The immediate fate of Greece lies at this moment in the hands of the army," said M. STAVREDI, noted E.B.C. commentator on Balkan affairs, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the present developments in Greece.

M. Stavredi commented on the fact that the new Government of Greece was composed of military men and said that the immediate future would depend to a great extent on the fighting forces, the Greeks and the British Imperial troops, which had been fighting to resist the German invaders.

### NO COMPROMISE

General Metaxas, also a military man, was Prime Minister when Italy launched her attack on Greece," said M. Stavredi. "On his death M. Koritzis took his place. He was not a politician, but he stepped into General Metaxas' shoes because he felt that it was his duty to answer the call his King made to him.

"He unwaveringly pursued his predecessor's policy of not compromising with aggression and now his death has made it necessary to find a leader in the hour of the nation's greatest trial. Faced with this position, the King has decided, reluctantly, to guide his country. He understands that the position of a King is someone who is impartial and above politics, free from the influences of any party.

"He has now shown that he is willing to step down into the arena and to take matters into his own hands and the Government now consists of men of the fighting services and of varying shades of opinion, but they are united in an effort to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion. That was the main theme of the proclamation issued by the King.

### WEIGHT OF ATTACK

"The struggle has now been going on for over a fortnight and the weight of the German attack has been steadily increasing. The defenders are withdrawing, but their lines are intact."

M. Stavredi declared that in their first defence positions, the allied armies were in the wild mountains of the Greek frontier. Fighting in the first days was carried out in snowstorms. This had turned to rain and had gradually been replaced by the Greek spring. Road in this region were very few and there were no railways at all. The only railway ran down the east coast.

Most of the communications of the fighting forces had to be kept up by donkeys and mules and amidst the bombing and fighting on these mountain sides, some peasants still wandered about. They were loathe to leave the land they knew so well.

### A BITTER PILL

"For the Greeks, the withdrawal from their Albanian position was a bitter pill," declared M. Stavredi. "But the colossal weight of the German attack made this necessary for the line to be withdrawn and as the line had withdrawn, the beaten Italians had advanced.

"The aim of the Greeks in Albania was to destroy the Italian armies there and the necessity which has made the Greeks to withdraw is really a measure of their success.

"Against the Germans, the Greeks are showing the same fighting qualities as they did against the Italians in Albania. The troops in the Vardar Valley fought a delayed action and they bore the first weight of the German attack. They were bombarded and attacked by armoured divisions and these efforts extended over a front of 135 miles and still the line held firm.

### COMBINED FORCES

SHANGHAI, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"According to a Japanese communiqué, combined Japanese military and naval forces entered Foochow at 3 p.m. yesterday.

The entry of Foochow is said to have been followed by the destruction of four ports and the Chinese naval base at Mamol.

### NOT PERTURBED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"While Japanese forces have landed on the Chekiang and Fukien coasts, continuing their advance inland, well-informed Chinese quarters here are not at all perturbed by the developments, stating that they fully anticipated such developments and only thought that the Japanese would have made the drive earlier.

It is suggested that the involvement of Japanese forces over a wide area will eventually favour the Chinese defenders.

returned to the sea with their equipment and in a fleet of small boats they sailed across to the mainland. It is possible that many of them did break through the German lines too."

M. Stavredi declared that the fact the Greeks were still fighting showed that that action was not a useless piece of heroism and it had prevented the Germans from pouring troops into Greece.

### NAZI PROPAGANDA

"But it is not only with soldiers and armaments that Germany is fighting Greece," said M. Stavredi. "They had turned on the full force of Dr. Goebbels' propaganda and even while the British Imperial forces were arriving in Greece, the Germans said that Greece was already beaten. And then Dr. Goebbels contradicted himself by asking the Greeks to join hands with the Germans and drive the British out. Why, if there were no British troops in Greece, and the Greeks were already beaten, was it necessary to ask them to do this?

"Now Berlin is promising to celebrate the departure of the British troops. To all this Italy, of course, plays a croaking second. Sometimes the partners forget to tell the same story and their varying versions of the death of M. Koritzis differed to a singular extent."

M. Stavredi concluded by referring to the affection which all Greeks had for Britain and declared that even in her hour of uttermost danger the Greeks would not forget their British defenders.

## CRAIGIE-OHASHI INTERVIEWS

### "ROUTINE MATTERS" DISCUSSED

TOKYO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The recent and frequent interviews between Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, and Mr. Chuluchi Ohashi, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, were discussed at a Press conference today.

Questioned concerning them, the deputy spokesman of the Information Board replied that "routine matters" have been discussed in the interviews, including navicerts and shipping questions.

Referring to "United States encouraging Latin American countries to check exports to Japan" the American correspondent asked whether it would justify Japan to take similar action in East Asia against the United States.

The spokesman replied that necessarily would compel them to take such steps.

## Raffles Student Asks For Wider Curriculum

The fewer possibilities afforded to women graduates of the college in comparison to those enjoyed by men students, were referred to by Miss Kwa Geok Choo, first-year student of Raffles College, when addressing Singapore Rotarians on "College Life."

"In fact, there is only one, still do with some education on this point."

Suggesting that a wider scope be offered to women graduates, Miss Kwa stated that she wondered what college would be like if the authorities were "a little more adventurous in their choice of subjects" which may be offered for examination—if one could take a course in housekeeping, or in advertising, or in salesmanship and religion "and thus secure both our spiritual and our temporal future."

### LESS DEPRESSING

"Or if there were lectures on human behaviours one day and on the play of wild animals the next," she added. "Perhaps exams would be a little less depressing then."

Miss Kwa said that in college, the cultivation of self-thought and the encouraging of initiative were things which would enable students to meet and refute the specious arguments and false theories poured forth by the German propaganda machine and the like.

Herr Abetz is stated to have just returned from Herr Hitler which might lead sooner or later to favourable developments of Franco-German relations.

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## U.S. Army's New Pursuit Ships Show Manila Speed

The largest mass flight of fighting planes ever witnessed in the Philippines was held when 36 army pursuit planes took part in an impressive display of air might marking the fourteenth observance of Army Day. They roared over Manila at 400 kilometers an hour, says the Manila Bulletin.

In the United States President Roosevelt welcomed the hundreds of thousands of young men who have recently joined the army of the United States. President Roosevelt's Army Day greetings were relayed by the Philippine department headquarters.

The message has a particular application to the more than 5,500 Philippine Army reservists who were enlisted with the Philippine Scouts early this year for a year's training. The President stated that they have entered the ranks of "our army defenders" with the singleness of purpose and enthusiasm that are an inspiration for all Americans.

"Your transition from civil life to military service has been accomplished in a manner that is a credit to our democracy. You quickly adopted yourselves to your life and you have already become good soldiers. I am sure that you will find your service highly beneficial to you as individuals as well as to your country."

### PATIENCE AND SKILL

"To the officers and men of the regular army, the national guard and the reserve corps, I want to express my grateful appreciation.

### GROUP FLIGHT

The group flight, first in echelon, demonstrated various types of formation starting near the Army and Navy Club and continuing south along the Dewey Boulevard. Although there was no reviewing stand numerous military and civilian officials were at the waterfront yesterday to watch the exhibitions. They passed first in echelon, then they assembled in column, demonstrated in a "rat race," in V formation and later assembled in echelon formation again.

## NEW CHUNGKING APPOINTMENTS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—"The National Government announced the following appointments yesterday:

Mr. Yin Jen-hsien Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance; Mr. Ma Tai-chun Director of the Salt Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance; Mr. Li Jui Secretary of the Ministry of Finance; Mr. Liu Kai Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington. It is learned that Mr. Li Yi-an, reserve member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, has been slated Secretary-General of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs.



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## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 22 to 29 Apr. 1941.

		HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Day of Month	Time	Height	Time	Height
Wed.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		03 14	5 6	01 17	2 0
		20 04	5 6	13 37	2 0
Thu.	24	08 37	5 7	01 60	3 1
		20 57	5 6	14 20	2 6
Fri.	25	09 02	6 0	02 22	2 2
		21 21	5 8	14 57	3 1
Sat.	26	09 22	6 3	02 57	2 4
		22 11	5 7	15 28	1 8
Sun.	27	09 44	6 5	03 24	2 5
		22 48	5 0	16 18	1 5
Mon.	28	09 59	6 6	03 53	2 6
		23 28	4 8	16 56	1 4
Tues.	29	10 21	6 8	04 21	2 9
		—	—	17 37	1 3

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## R.A.O.C. COOLIES GAOLED

Sentence of four months' hard labour each was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on three store coolies of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Tam King, 20, Yu Chuen, 32, and Lau Koon-sang, 24, charged with having unlawfully conspired together to steal a metal ammunition container, containing 100 pounds of expended brass cartridge cases, at the Victoria Barracks on Apr. 18.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

## WILD TREE WOOD

Leung Chuen, 17, unemployed, was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for possession of 19 catties of fresh wild tree wood, valued at 38 cents, at Johnston Road, near Hennessy Road.

A similar fine was imposed on Tang Mul, 35, widow, for possession of 18 catties, valued at 36 cts. Each defendant admitted one previous conviction for the same offence.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

## FRAUDULENT CONVERSION

Chan Ng-tai, alias Chan Fook-cho, master of Fook Ming Shop, No. 159, Des Voeux Road Central, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of fraudulent conversion of \$2,800 on Mar. 20.

It was alleged that the money was part of \$4,300 entrusted to him by Chu Tung, banker, of No. 298, Queen's Road Central, second floor, for the purpose of purchasing a specific bangle.

The hearing was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on May 22.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ is appearing for the prosecution, while defendant, who was on bail of \$4,000, will be represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

## JAPANESE FINED

The charge of breach of the Alien Registration Ordinance against a Japanese woman, Ko Ohmori, 39, residing at No. 10, Luard Road, first floor, who claimed she was married to a Chinese official 20 years ago, was amended when she appeared on remand before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

This was necessitated when defendant brought forth her naturalisation papers, which had recently arrived from Chungking, to prove her claim that she had been naturalised as a Chinese subject.

Sgt. Mann, of the Special Branch, said that defendant was still considered a Japanese subject under the Ordinance. She was refused permission to land from Macao once last December.

Defendant admitted this and said that she did not report because she thought that, being a Chinese subject, she needed no registration.

A fine of \$30 was imposed.

## THEFT OF RIFLE

Tang Chi, 23, street coolie, of no fixed abode, was remanded for a week by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on charges of stealing a .303 rifle from No. 7 Police Station on or about Apr. 6, receiving and unlawful possession of arms.

Charged with theft of another rifle from the Police Station on or about the same date, Cheng Hon-mul, 18, unemployed, Cheng Shap-sam, 32, broker, Kwok Cl, alias Kwok Sze, 34, shop foki, and Lam Wing-kwan, alias Lam Wing-kee, carpenter, were remanded until Friday.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman is in charge of both cases.

## LARCENY BY SERVANT

Before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Cheung Tan, 24, was sentenced to two months' hard labour on charges of larceny by servant and receiving.

Man Kam, 28, stone worker, accused by Cheung of having taken part in the theft, was discharged. Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that defendant stole 45 sticks of dynamite from No. 9 A.R.P. tunnel when seen carrying the explosive in the street by a detective. On being questioned, he said that Man stole it and gave it to him.

## TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Summoned for driving car No. 4051 without due care and caution and with defective brake, Cheung Yuk-foon was fined \$50 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

The Manager and two employees of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company were summoned in connection with the driving of one of the Company's lorries by an unlicensed driver in Lower Albert Road on Apr. 7.

The Company was fined \$50 for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

Siu Teng-fat, who was the unlicensed driver, was fined \$15 for driving without a valid licence. A similar fine was imposed on Lo Yim for letting Siu to drive the lorry, which was in his charge.

## HARBoured GIRL

Hearing of the case in which Chau Wai-chan, 18, woman, Yick Sze, 64, widow, and Ip Hung, 24, flower seller, were charged with harbouring an unmarried girl, Yuen Yuet-chan, 16, at No. 2, Wah Ning Lane, ground floor, on Apr. 17 without the consent of her mother was fixed for May 12 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

It is understood that Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for defendant, who was allowed bail of \$250 each.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

## CASE DISMISSED

Kwok San-chow, 27, merchant, accused of placing on board the junks, lying off the praya, Connaught Road West, 2,000 gunny bags for the purpose of exporting them out of the Colony without a licence from the Controller of Trade, was discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday, when hearing of the case was concluded.

Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern appeared for the prosecution, while defendant was represented by Mr. M. W. Lo, who pleaded not guilty. The case for defence was that the gunny bags were taken on board to be filled with sugar for export to Tientsin.

## PASSPORT SEQUEL

The case in which Lam Chak-yuen, 31, buyer, was charged with making an application at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on Mar. 18 for a passport in the name of Wong Wing (deceased), with intent to defraud, and Lee Ying-yung, 25, insurance banker, and Tsang Sau-ming, 23, shop foki, were charged with aiding and abetting was heard before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Failing to appear, second defendant had \$250 bail re-stated and a warrant for his arrest was issued. The prosecution not offering evidence against him, third defendant was discharged.

Mr. F. J. Zimprern appeared for first defendant, Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ for second and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for the third, while the prosecution was conducted by Det.-Sub-Inspr. J. O'Donovan, assisted by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers.

On Mar. 21, the Police received information from the Passport Office through the S.C.A. regarding an application for a British passport to Singapore, the name being that of a deceased person, Wong Wing.

The Police went to No. 61, Des Voeux Road West and found first defendant, who represented himself as Wong Wing but later admitted that he was not.

Defendant said that as he wanted to go to Singapore, he could buy passage at a cheaper rate if he had a British passport.

It was second defendant, added the Inspector, who arranged for the passport and the birth certificate and first defendant had given every assistance to the Police. A fine of \$200, or two months' hard labour, was imposed.

## AT KOWLOON

## BOUND OVER

Alleged to have thrown a tin containing some corrosive fluid on the face of an old woman friend, Leung Kan, 67, of No. 587, Canton Road, was charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday with assault.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope, prosecuting, said that the complainant, Cheung King, and defendant were old friends. In September last Cheung borrowed \$10 from accused, of which only \$5 had been repaid.

On Sunday afternoon they met in the street and had an argument. When nearing the junction of Canton Road and Salgon Street, defendant went into a shop and took a tin and threw it on complainant's face.

Cheung was taken to hospital suffering from burns to the left eye.

Accused was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$25 to be of good behaviour for one year.

## YOUTHFUL HOUSEBREAKER

A 17-year-old boy, Kwok Kin-mau, who had been released from the Remand Home recently, appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of house-breaking.

It was stated that about 4.15 a.m. yesterday, complainant, Lo Kong, battery maker, residing at No. 15, Pitt Street, was awakened

## Career In Force Ruined: Constable Imprisoned

Remarking that he did not know why accused had done such a dreadful thing and ruined his career in the Police Force, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, passed sentence of nine months' hard labour on P.C. C465, LEUNG SHING-MAN, 23, who was found guilty on a charge of demanding \$30 from Chan Yim, on Mar. 21.

Another man charged together with first accused, KWONG CHOI, alias La Cha Mau, 22, was found Not Guilty by the jury who retired for 10 minutes.

Leung was also charged with accepting a bribe and leaving his beat without permission. He pleaded guilty to the last count.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Sgt. R. McVey, prosecuted; and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. C. N. Nicholson (Foreman), Wong Shui-hong, Au Wai-suen, Pan Ho-yuen, J. E. J. Walker, Ng Kiu-ye and G. A. White.

Mr. Murphy said that on Mar. 21 the Kwun Lung firm, of No. 253, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, was taking in cement from a lorry. While the unloading was in progress first accused entered the shop and approached Chan Yim, who was supervising the work.

First accused was not in uniform but showed his revolver. He questioned Chan as to where the cement came from and asked for the receipt of the sale which the latter could not produce as the goods were unpaid for.

## ALLEGED THREAT

First accused then demanded that unless Chan paid him \$30 he

and he found defendant in the house and had him arrested. Accused apparently gained entrance by lifting a shutter of the main door. A search was made and eight pieces of clothing, a brass cooking pot and two umbrellas were missing.

Accused was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

## EXPORT OF PETROL

For moving a large quantity of petrol in the harbour with intent to export, Lai Yuen-chu, 21, master of Class II boat No. 1968V, and Lo Siu-kuen, 28, steersman of Class II boat No. 2210V, were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Kwan appeared for accused, while Sgt. C. Medley was in charge of the cases.

Sergeant Medley said that he stopped the boats about 6.30 a.m. on Monday and found 3,700 tins in the first boat and 3,000 tins in the second boat.

Both defendants admitted that they were transporting them to Cha Ko Ling, just outside the harbour limit. Both junks were licensed for carrying dangerous goods.

Mr. Kwan submitted that the place in question was not outside the harbour limit.

At the afternoon sitting, following verification of the exact location, both the defendants were fined \$500 each.

## D. O. SOUTH

## BANISHEE GAOLED

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on Fong Yau, by Mr. S. F. Balour yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of returning from banishment before the expiry of his term.

Accused was banished for 10 years on Oct. 27, 1939, but was found in the Colony on April 21 this year.

## EXPORTING SALT

Ng Sam-kau, master of trading junk No. T2798H, and Leung Wan, a cargo watchman, were remanded for 24 hours when they were charged before Mr. Balour yesterday with exporting, on junk No. T2798H, 229 bags of salt on April 18, without the permission of the Controller of Trade.

Lt. S. A. Bethell is appearing for the prosecution.

## FIXED FOR HEARING

Tuesday, April 23, was fixed for hearing of the case in which Lam Kwai is charged with armed robbery by two or more on April 15 at Ha Kwai Chung when, together with others not in custody and who were armed with a rifle and a revolver, he was alleged to have robbed Chung Lin of one black pongee silk jacket.

Sgt. McPherson is in charge of case.

The Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Chemistry Society will hold a meeting at Cafe Windsor tomorrow at 6 p.m. Mr. Ling Shik-sang, American-educated chief engineer of the Tien Chu ve-Tsin Manufacturing Company, will give a talk.

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## Japan Feels Inflationary Effects Of War Financing

WASHINGTON, (By Clipper): Despite rigid controls enforced in Japan to marshal all capital funds, public and private, for use in ways deemed important to the national interest, the inflationary effects of Japanese war financing are being increasingly felt, according to a report just issued by the United States Commerce Department.

Japan's total expenditures for the war and rearmament in 1940, the report discloses, amounts to at least 7,500 million yen (one yen equalling about U.S. 23.5 cents) and were almost seven times as large as in the past year of peace, 1936-37, and 17 1/2 times as large as before the Manchurian Incident of 1931-32.

Mr. Melville H. Walker of the Finance Division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, quotes the national income estimates of the Japanese Economic Federation, and points out that the percentage of Japan's national income devoted to military expenditures was estimated at 26 per cent. in 1939, and is believed to have increased slightly in 1940.

## BOND ISSUES

Indicating that principal reliance has been placed on bond issues for financing the war effort, non-borrowed Japanese revenues in 1936 amounted to 77.2 per cent. of expenditures, while despite a sharp rise in tax receipts, the percentage of non-borrowed revenue to total expenditures declined to 38.1 per cent. in the budget for 1941-42.

The report goes on: "Total Japanese appropriations for the China Incident account for the period September 1937 to December 1940 amounted to 16,455 million yen, although it is probable that actual outlays for hostilities on the Continent have been somewhat less than this amount. A substantial amount of the authorized bond issues designed to provide revenues for this account was still unissued late in December 1940. Again, it is possible certain charges were made against this account for general rearmament apart from the China Incident. Nor have all expenditures on the Continent represented charges against this account in view of funds derived from taxation, note issues and other sources of revenue in occupied territories.

"The annual rate of government expenditures in Japan has increased sixfold since the outbreak of the China Incident, rising from 2,278 million yen in 1936-37 to 11,634 million yen in 1940.

## THE BUDGET

"The budget for the fiscal year 1941-42, approved by the 76th session of the Imperial Diet prior to its adjournment March 1, called for the total expenditures of 12,874 million yen. Of this amount, General Account expenditures were set at 7,994 million yen, including supplementary budgets, and the China Incident expenditures were projected at 4,880 million yen.

"Military expenditures of Japan, which constituted 35.2 per cent. of total expenditures in 1932, 47.3 per cent. in 1936 and 76.4 per cent. in 1938, amounted to 61.6 per cent. of the budget approved for the fiscal year 1941. The decline from 1932 to 1941 evidences a more rapid increase in total than in military expenditures. However, Ministers other than the Army and Navy are being involved in additional expenditures incidental to the war, so that total war expenditures from the General Account undoubtedly exceeds the 2,623 million yen shown for 1941.

"Revenue for the China Incident Account is provided in part from tax receipts and transfers from other accounts, but chiefly from the issuance of China Incident Bonds. Out of the total authorized expenditures of 22,335,000,000 yen from this account for the period 1937-41, almost 82 per cent. was met by government borrowing.

## PUBLIC DEBT

"The total funded public debt of Japan has risen from 8,002,800,000 yen in December 1931, to 27,750,000,000 in December 1940, with an additional 7 1/2 billion yen of bond issues projected for the fiscal year 1941. As of September, 1940 outstanding short-term indebtedness amounted to 557,873,000 yen, of which rice notes accounted for 489,408,000 yen and the remainder was accounted for by silk notes.

"Issuance of government bonds, disbursement of government funds, accumulation of capital and absorption of government bonds is the formula which Japan has followed in her war financing. The key step, however, in this series of processes, is the accumulation of capital. As long as national income is increasing or national savings can be increased this formula can be successfully applied. A falling off of the expansion of national income not offset by an increase in savings, must reveal the inflationary character of Japanese war finance, and thereby eliminate any non-inflationary qualities which it has assumed to possess.

"Since the middle of 1939 there has been a perceptible slowing up in the expansion of production in Japan. Acute shortages have appeared in materials and labour and transportation facilities have deteriorated. If projected expenditures for 1941 are carried through, there will undoubtedly be further inflation. The burden of war expenditures will rise, and will fall more heavily on the masses, in the form of enforced or voluntary savings."—(Central News).

## 11-YEAR-OLD HERO

An 11-year-old boy, Roy Miller, is the hero of a bombing raid which destroyed eight houses and damaged others in a South of England town recently.

He and his nine-year-old brother had just gone to bed, leaving the rest of the family in the kitchen, when bombs fell.

Roy threw a blanket round his brother and, with the walls falling about him, got him down the wrecked stairway. Further progress was impossible owing to wreckage.

He called out to his mother, who, with other members of the family, was trapped in the kitchen. "Don't cry, Mummy, I have him all right."

## SMASHED PANEL

As soon as escape was made possible by the smashing of a front door panel, Roy handed out his little brother.

A father of 13 grown-up children regards himself as the luckiest man in the town.

For more than five years he had not been out of the house at night, but his wife persuaded him to go to the pictures.

He returned home to find the house in ruins.

Several people were injured. Damage was confined to working-class houses.



## Big River Racket Gang Operating In Shanghai

Chinese shippers along the Whangpoo River and Soochow Creek face "taxation" on almost every commodity by organized gangs operating from Shanghai. Well informed quarters told the "North-China Daily News" on April 12. So far has this form of racketeering gone that the organization, it is alleged, has set up an office in the Pail Loh Hotel on Yu Ya Ching Road, although it makes no pretence of having any official connexions.

The racket consists of forcing shippers to pay squeeze to the gang under threat of interference with lighters and their cargoes if money is not forthcoming.

### BOWED TO FORCE

Chiefly affected by the racketeering are Chinese exporters from the city, although importers, too, come in for their share of squeeze. Chinese shipping houses have bowed to force, and prefer paying the squeeze rather than face the wholesale theft of their ships and cargoes.

The racketeers' method, if "protection" money is not forthcoming, is to lie in wait on the river for a lighter or junk leaving its berth and then board it, and simply sail it away to a wharf in Hongkew or Soochow Creek. The owners are then notified, and in order to regain possession of their ship, forced to pay far more in ransom money than would have been paid in squeeze.

### ATTACKED BY LOAFERS

Lighters landing cargo on jetties in Hongkew or Soochow Creek without payment are attacked by organized gangs of wharf loafers who occupy the whole jetty front, and the ships, together with their cargoes, are removed elsewhere. Pontoon on the Bund, however, have so far been comparatively free from the activities of this organization.

The squeeze demanded amounts to as much as 10 cents or more for each bag of rice or bale of cotton transported, although a flat rate of \$5 per boat, regardless of the amount of cargo on board, is accepted. Shippers inform the headquarters of the organization in the hotel of their movements, and pay in advance to save themselves from interference.

### FALSE TITLE

The big Chinese shipping houses, who undertake to ship any kind of goods from place to place along the river, contract small independ-

ent boatmen to actually transport the goods. They pay the squeeze for the boatmen, and in turn add it on to their regular bills under some false title, such as "extra cooile hire."

Under the central organization there are a number of different gangs, each dealing with a certain type of cargo. So well is the racket organized that they never encroach on each other. They have, apparently, an excellent system of obtaining information, knowing every detail of the types of cargoes on the different lighters.

### OPERATING FOR OVER ONE YEAR

The organization has been operating successfully for over one year, although from the outbreak of 1937 hostilities until 1939 it had worked in a smaller way. Conditions on the river, however, went from bad to worse during 1940, little or no control being exercised, with the result that the racketeers were able to widen their activities until now practically every cargo handled by Chinese shippers along the Whangpoo River and Soochow Creek is interfered with.

The waterfront gangs are believed to work in collaboration with certain Chinese Police constables of the S.M.P. and Chinese members of the River Police, who take their share of the squeeze in return for turning a blind eye to the criminal activities of the gang.

### EXTREMELY DIFFICULT

Officials of the S.M.P. are making every effort to stamp out the corruption among the Chinese constables on duty along the waterfront, with quite considerable success. It is extremely difficult to detect persons engaged in the racket, however.

Foreign lighters have not been bothered so far, although threats have been received by foreign wharf companies in Shanghai and Pootung.

## Henry Ford Reported Ready To Turn His Plant Over To United States

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Governor M. D. Van Wagoner of Michigan last night informed Secretary of Labour Frances Perkins that he believed mediators would be able to settle the Ford River Rouge plant strike within 48 hours.

Van Wagoner's announcement came soon after it was reliably reported that Henry Ford was ready to turn over his gigantic River Rouge plant to the government unless the strike was settled peacefully.

### IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION

In New York union miners and southern operators of the Appalachian soft coal industry proposed immediate resumption of production at all mines under a 60 cents a day salary increase for workers until a permanent agreement was reached on wages and hours.

The agreement between the union and northern operators was in the process of "edifying" and it was believed that permanent settlement of the strike was near. However, it appeared unlikely that any workers would return to their jobs before next week.

### APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Governor Van Wagoner appealed directly to President Roosevelt for more time to work out a settlement of the Ford strike with President Philip Murray's Congress of Industrial Organization.

The Michigan governor's message requested Mr. Roosevelt not to approve certification of the dispute to the national defence mediation board until he had an opportunity to talk to him by telephone.

In Cleveland 1,200 CIO workers at the United States Aluminum company's plant resumed work after a 14-hour "wildcat" stoppage which disrupted production of machinery vital to the aircraft industry.

### "ILLEGAL STRIKE"

Sixteen hundred workers were still out on an "illegal strike" at the Ferro Machinery company's plant in Cleveland.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey said he understood that some CIO officials had prepared

letters and were canvassing local unions to determine how far to go on a nationwide strike if Harry Bridges, west coast maritime and CIO leader, was ordered deported. Thomas, who is a member of the Dies committee investigating un-American activities, did not elaborate on his statement.

## H.K. Stock Exchange

The market continues uninteresting.

**BUYERS**  
Bank of East Asia, \$70.  
Wharves, \$85.50.  
Macao Electric (O), \$19.  
Macao Electric (N), \$18.  
Indo-China (Pref), \$30.

**SELLERS**  
H.K. Banks, \$1345.  
Trams, \$18.25.  
Lights (O), \$6.05.  
Electric Rts., \$14.50.

**SALES**  
Humphreys, \$8.70.  
Lights Rts., 50 cts.  
Electric Rts., \$14.75/50.

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, April 22, 1941.

**SALES**  
China Lights (O) 150 \$ 6.05  
500 6.05

850  
The total value is \$3,932.50.

## LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 21 (Reuter).  
Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168/-

## Finance and Commerce

### CANADIAN EXCHANGE PROBLEM

OTTAWA, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, has returned from the United States. He declared that his visit, in which he arranged the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources had proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely; it means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation here, the United States will accommodate Canada for the lack of dollar exchange by accepting a larger volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada, under the Lease and Lend Act, with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.

### FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, Apr. 21 (Reuter).  
Apr. 8 Apr. 15  
(000's Omitted)  
Total loans \$ 9,845,000 \$ 9,871,000  
Investments 17,292,000 17,292,000

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 22 APRIL				TUESDAY 22 APRIL			
Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal
<b>Banks</b>							
...	...	...	\$1345	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1340
...	...	...	\$784	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	\$784
...	...	...	\$734	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	\$734
...	...	...	\$84	Chartered Banks	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$214	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	\$214
...	...	...	\$104	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	\$104
...	...	...	\$70	Bank of East Asia	...	...	\$70
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	15 ct.
<b>Insurance</b>							
...	...	...	\$2224	Canton Insurance	...	...	\$2224
...	...	...	\$425	Union Insurance	...	...	\$430
...	...	...	\$1	Underwriters	...	...	80 cts
...	...	...	\$187	H.K. Fires	...	...	\$187
<b>Shipping</b>							
...	...	...	\$135	Douglases	...	...	\$135
...	...	...	\$84	Steamboats	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$80	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	\$80
...	...	...	\$4074	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	\$4074
...	...	...	\$6.55	Shells	...	...	\$6.55
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.</b>							
...	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$98
...	...	...	\$5.10	Providents	...	...	\$4.80
...	...	...	\$16	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	\$16
...	...	...	\$24	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	\$24
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
<b>Mining</b>							
...	...	...	14/0	Kailans	...	...	14/0
...	...	...	8	Rauks	...	...	8
...	...	...	1 1/2 cts	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
<b>Lands, Hotels and Buildings</b>							
...	...	...	\$9.50	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$9.50
...	...	...	\$33	H.K. Lands	...	...	\$33
...	...	...	\$974	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	\$974
...	...	...	\$124	Shanghai Lands	...	...	\$124
...	...	...	\$3.10	H.K. Realities	...	...	\$3.10
...	...	...	\$99	Humphreys	...	...	\$99
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$374	Cotton Mills	...	...	\$374
...	...	...	\$200	Ewo (S.)	...	...	\$200
...	...	...	...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zoong Bings (S.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
<b>Public Utilities</b>							
...	...	...	\$16	H.K. Tramways	...	...	\$16
...	...	...	\$74	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	\$74
...	...	...	\$34	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	\$34
...	...	...	\$62	Star Ferries	...	...	\$62
...	...	...	\$524	Y'mati Ferries	...	...	\$524
...	...	...	\$1.70	China Lights (O)	...	...	\$1.70
...	...	...	\$28.20	China Lights (New)	...	...	\$28.20
...	...	...	\$15	H. K. Electric (Old)	...	...	\$15
...	...	...	...	H. K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$12	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	\$12
...	...	...	\$234	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	\$234
...	...	...	\$94	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	\$94
...	...	...	...	Sanakan Lights	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
<b>Industrials</b>							
...	...	...	\$30	Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	\$30
...	...	...	\$25	Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	...	...	\$25
...	...	...	\$1	Canton Ice	...	...	\$1
...	...	...	...	Cement	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$7	H.K. Rope	...	...	\$7
...	...	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$87	4% Loan	...	...	\$87
...	...	...	\$84	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$84	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	\$84
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
...	...	...	\$174	Dairy Farms	...	...	\$174
...	...	...	\$64	Entertainments	...	...	\$64
...	...	...	\$1.80	Constructions (old)	...	...	\$1.80
...	...	...	\$1	Constructions (new)	...	...	\$1
...	...	...	\$174	Lane Crawford	...	...	\$174
...	...	...	\$2.16	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	\$2.16
...	...	...	\$84	Sincere	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$84	Watsons	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$84	Ch. C. & S. 1055 G.B.D.	...	...	\$84
...	...	...	\$39	H.K. Wing On	...	...	\$39
...	...	...	...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$7.20	Vibro Piling	...	...	\$7.20
...	...	...	6/3	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	6/3
...	...	...	2/6	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	2/6
...	...	...	\$1.80	Wm. Powells	...	...	\$1.80
...	...	...	50 cts	Lights Rts.	...	...	50 cts
...	...	...	...	+Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...

## TRADE CUT IS BLOW TO BLONDES

Gentlemen who prefer blondes are going to be disappointed. Thousands of women whose golden tresses depend for their glory on the skill of the chemist and the care of the hairdresser are being "blackened-out."

The Government's restrictive quota on luxury articles is responsible for many of Britain's women deciding to allow their hair to return to its natural colour.

Worst affected are the small hairdressers throughout the country. Many of them are having to ration bleaching for their clients and some are unable to carry on at all.

Even the biggest stores, who had the foresight and capital to get in a store of the "necessities" are becoming a little worried about what will happen when these supplies are exhausted and they are faced with a 25 per cent. cut in goods.

### BIG STORES "LUCKY"

In all the big cities hairdressers are finding the same trouble.

Miss Norah Blackman, a Manchester hairdresser said: "I am working on my last drop of bleach at the moment and I don't know when I shall get any more."

"I don't know what my clients will do when the supply gives out. A number have decided to return to their natural colour."

At a large London store it was stated that they had taken the precaution of getting in a store of commodities before the quota came into force.

"But when these have gone, we shall feel the pinch. However, compared with the smaller shops we are lucky."

### BACK TO SHINGLE?

A leading northern hairdresser said:—

"Hardest hit will be the small one-room hairdresser who has been taught only the mechanics of the trade, and is unable to provide ersatz bleaches or dyes to replace the well-known proprietary brands."

Hairdressers are forecasting a revolution in styles because of the shortage of hairpins. They believe that women will return to the shingle and the plain bob and fringe.

Another shortage will affect painted nails. It is of amylacetate, which is now being used on more important work in the plane industry.

Anyhow, women on war work are dispensing with this sort of luxury.

## CHEKIANG, FUKIEN REFUGEE RELIEF

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—The National Relief Commission has appropriated \$120,000 and \$50,000 for the relief of the Chinese refugees in the Chungking and Fukien coastal regions respectively.

The appropriation for Chekiang has been remitted to Mr. Wang Hai-yin, the Commission's resident representative in Chekiang, for distribution. Of the amount \$40,000 is earmarked for emergency relief in Linpu, Shaohing and Chuid, \$60,000 for emergency relief in Shihpu, Haimen, and Jufan and \$20,000 for refugee transport in the Shaoching area.

The appropriation for Fukien has been remitted to Mr. Chen Pei-kun, of the Fukien Relief Commission, for distribution.

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## Japanese Debate On European War

TOKYO, April 22 (Reuter).—There's no telling which side is going to win the European war in the long run," declared the noted political commentator, Mr. Murobuse, speaking at a debate under the auspices of the newspaper Miyako Shimbun, which was attended by many notables.

Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward and that any cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China Affair successfully had better dissolve itself quickly.

## MARINE RESEARCH IN FUKIEN

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—The China Institute of Geographical Research is sending a group of research fellows to investigate the marine conditions in Fukien. They are leaving for the southern coastal province today and expect to be on their investigation tour for six months.

Two other groups of investigators sent out by the Institute to study the geographical and economic conditions along the Chialing River valley and the Hanchung basin have achieved remarkable results.

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Apr. 21 (Reuter).  
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, \$271-1/4.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, \$287-1/2.

Market steady. More abundant Ministry of Supply offers at \$271-1/2 eventually eased the cash position, in spite of good demand. There was less demand for "three months," but the reluctance of sellers caused an improvement. After hours—60 tons of "3-months" at \$287-3/4.

## CHINESE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—A preliminary check-up yesterday revealed that subscriptions to China's wartime bonds to date as a result of the Wartime Bonds Campaign amounted to approximately \$100,800,000, being 68 per cent. in excess of the estimate. The final results will be announced at the end of this month.

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\* MATUE MARU Friday, 25th Apr.

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**RADIO PROGRAMMES**

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Dawson and Chorus: Forbear, My Friends—Derek Oldham, Nellie Briercliffe, Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus. Aye, Hug Him, Girl!—Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, Nellie Briercliffe and Male Chorus. The Prisoner Comes to Meet His Doom—Full Company. Oh! A Private Buffoon Is a Light Hearted Loon—George Baker.

8.00 Local Time Signal.

8.02 Compositions of Edward German.

Merric England—Dances—Hornpipe; Minuet; Rustic Dance; Jig—Orchestra. Raymonde. Merric England—Vocal Gems—Miriam Licette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr and Chorus. Tom Jones—Selection—H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller. Four Jolly Sailors—Quartet: Francis Russell, Parry Jones, Raymond Newell and Hardy Dearth with Piano. Morris Dance from "Henry VIII Dances"—Jack Hyton and his Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 5: Carlyle.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Eric Coates—"London, Again" Suite.

Oxford Street; Langham Place—The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crean.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 A Programme of English Ballads and Popular Music.

Sally Horner (Traditional): Floral Dance (Moss)—Brian Lawrence with Fred Hartley and his Quintet. Fantasia on British Sea Songs (arr. by Sir H. J. Wood)—Intro: Bugles—Admiral's Salute; Action: General Assembly; Landing Party; Prepare the Ram; Quick Double—Extend and Close. Sea Songs—Anchor Weigh'd and Saucy Arethusa; Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra. Fairings: Come to the Fair ("Songs of the Fair" Easthope Martin)—Percy Hemling (Baritone). This England—Intro: Fanfare; Here's a Health Unto His Majesty; Roast Beef of Old England (vocal); Sir Roger de Coverly; Cherry Ripe (vocal); Come Lassies and Lads; Vicar of Bray (vocal); Drink to me only; Lincolnshire Posher; A Fine Old English Gentleman (vocal); Lass of Richmond Hill; It'lla Moor baht' at (vocal); Sally in our Alley; There's a Tavern in the Town; British Grenadiers; John Peel (vocal); Here's a Health Unto His Majesty—Debroy Somers Band w. Vocalists. Devonshire Cream and Older (Curzon and Spenderston); Up From Somerset (Weatherly & Spenderston)—Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 Studio—Our letter from Free China.

10.15 London Relay—"England and St. George."

Programme for St. George's Day.

10.30 London Relay—"St. George's Day."

Feature programme.

11.00 Close down.

**SHORT WAVE**

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Calls	Wavelength
G.S.G.	17.79mc. (16.86m.)
G.S.E.	9.51mc. (31.35m.)
G.S.H.	21.47mc. (31.97m.)
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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission	Time
I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
V—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
do.	8.00 p.m.
do.	12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary	Time
Full Bulletin	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

**Future Great Development Of U.S. Foreign Trade Lies Definitely In Pacific**

"Regardless of the outcome of the war, the future great development of American foreign trade lies definitely in the Pacific."

Such was the theme of a talk prepared by Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, and delivered before 400 shipping men at the Fairmont Hotel. The event was the annual "Steamship Night" of the Pacific Traffic Association.

Due to the sudden passing of Ralph Grady, a brother of the guest speaker, the Gray speech was read by M. J. Buckley, an American President Lines Vice-President. He was introduced by Roger Lapham of American Hawaiian.

"There is every reason to believe," according to the Grady speech, "that there will be a vacuum in our post war trade as far as Europe is concerned. Economic prostration of our former Number One customer is pretty certain to be an effect of the war."

"It seems therefore that from now on we must think primarily in terms of the British Empire, Latin America and the Far East as our most promising market possibilities. This presumes of course a satisfactory settlement of the Far Eastern problem... a settlement which will not diminish our trading potentialities in that great and promising area."

"If this situation works out happily," Mr. Grady wrote, "and I have every reason to believe it will, the long-heralded 'Era of the Pacific' should be upon us. The East has tremendous potential consuming power. The Chinese people have shown great capacity for recuperation and have proven themselves adept at industrial as well as agricultural pursuits."

**RAPID PROGRESS**

"There is every reason to believe that when a just peace settles over the Orient, the Chinese will make rapid progress toward economic stabilization, national unity and higher standards of living, all of which will make for the development of increased foreign trade with those countries which will meet the Chinese on the basis of helpfulness and co-operation."

The speaker then pointed out that America's first and immediate task is to see that no situation develops that would restrict our rights to carry on normal and legitimate trade relations in these great overseas markets, adding:

"Unless we are willing to become a second or third rate nation, and become resigned to the impractical idea of trying to sustain our economy solely from within, we must join with every ounce of our resources and energy the forces now fighting to preserve a world economy based on free and democratic principles. To this end we must dedicate our whole united national effort."

Mr. Grady's paper pointed out that our foreign trade relations, no matter with whom we trade, must be "in accordance with liberal and common sense principles—principles which assume international economic co-operation, not international economic conflict."

**NO DISCRIMINATION**

"International trade," he continued, "must be on the live-and-let-live basis of interchange of commodities. It cannot be subjected to discrimination on the one hand or barriers that stifle it on the other."

He explained that there are only three ways of balancing trade; first, by the normal process of

commodity interchange, which means leveling off the exports with the same amount of imports; second, making up the difference through loans, and third, making up the difference by accepting gold. He said the United States has tried methods "two" and "three" and has found them wanting, adding:

"Since we are not prepared nor inclined to give further extensive credits, and inasmuch as we already have most of the world's available gold supply, we face the decade of the 40's with no other choice than method 'one,' which is the only sound method, and the one on which our trade should have been based all along."

As for the American Merchant Marine, Mr. Grady thinks we are not apt to make the same glaring mistakes made after the last world war.

"The Maritime Commission of course cannot prevent the usual post war slump in shipping," he said, "but it can and presumably will control the tonnage situation so that the blow of the depression will be cushioned as much as possible. For instance it is not at all likely that a shoe-string operator will be allowed to buy for \$10 a ton ships that cost \$200 a ton to build, and put them in operation in competition with old line companies. The Commission even now is maintaining the closest vigilance to see that currently lucrative trade lanes are not unduly over-tonnaged. They are following a conservative policy of building practical, advanced types of ships designed for national defence and a long-range programme of maritime trade development."

**CONTROL DANGER**

As regards the danger of continued centralized control of shipping Mr. Grady says:

"Whatever government control of shipping we have had during recent peace-time years, and such control as may be retained after the present emergency is over, would seem to have been dictated on the basis of our national experience in shipping. I am convinced that the policy of the present administration will be to maintain our foreign trade and shipping on the basis of the principles laid down by Secretary of State Hull and approved by President Roosevelt. The principles are essentially and fundamentally those of private enterprise."

"I do not believe therefore that our steamship lines and our shipping industry will be subject to any restrictions other than those absolutely essential to present emergencies. There is nothing U.S. officials want less than a development of totalitarian concepts within our government structure, and they know better than anyone else, that the quickest way to bring alien philosophies of government to these shores is to drastically restrict and regiment foreign trade and shipping."

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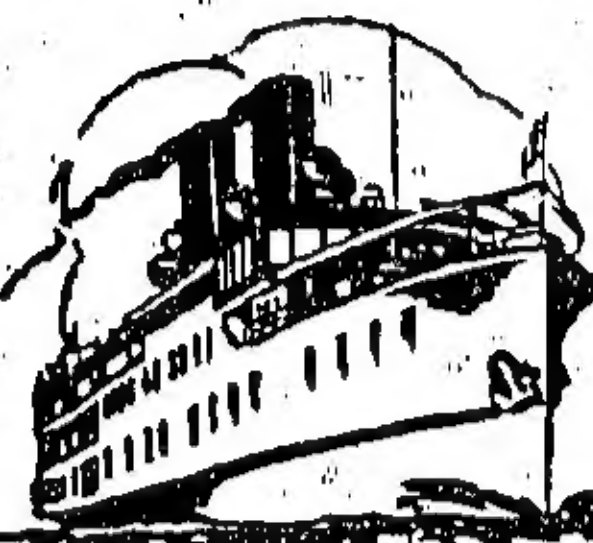
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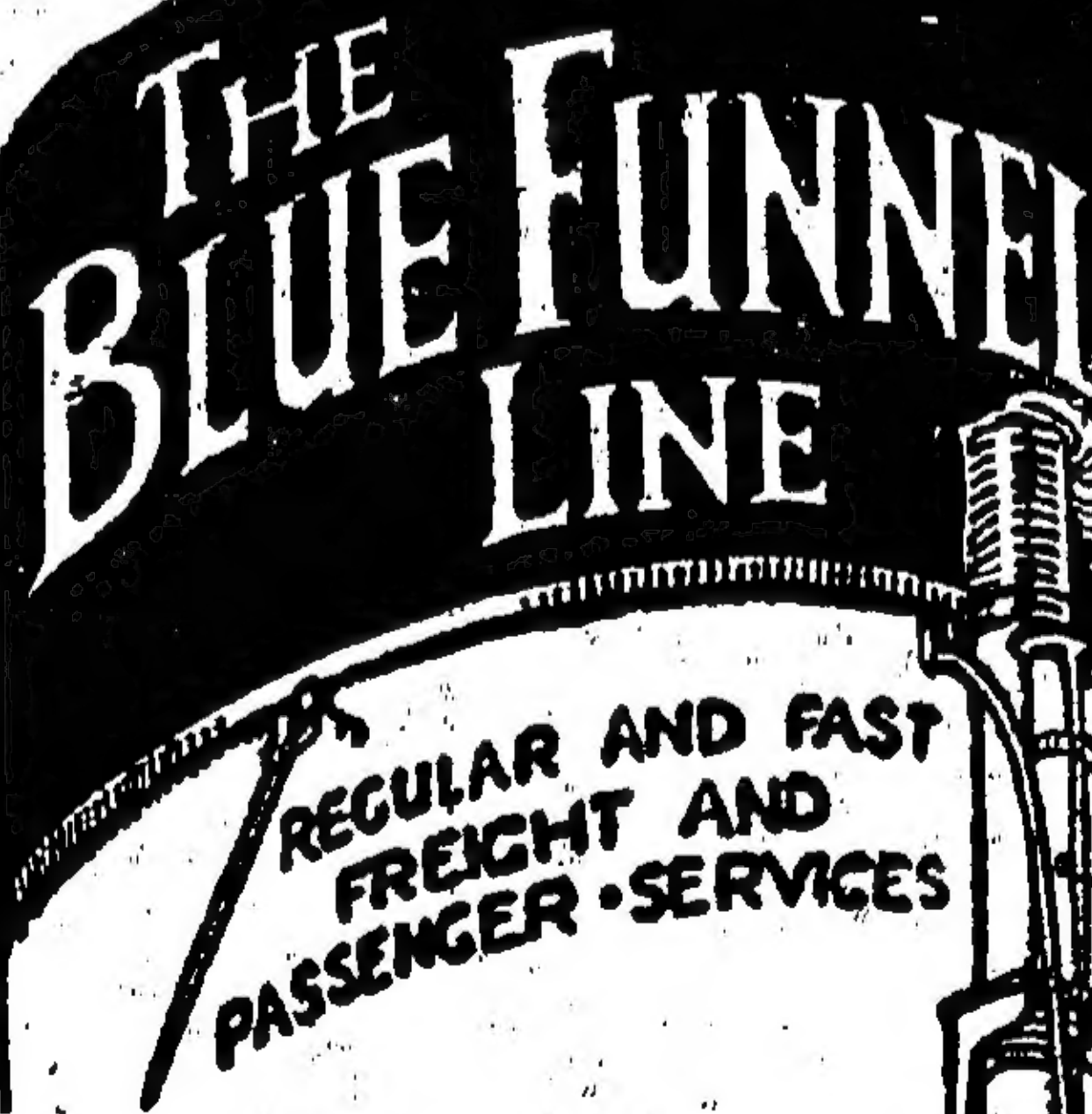
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## People Of Colony Remain Disinterested

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coercion of individual life by the collective will. Whether this is caused by dictatorship, war, or the machine it is not my business here to discuss.

"I do not question the collective method in our economic life, there are certain essential services which should be directly under Government control, but for Christians the test will always be what happens to the individual boys and girls, men and women, one by one."

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North was in the Chair, supported by Dean Wilson, Miss Nell Elliot (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. S. Potter (Hon. Treasurer), Miss B. M. Pope, the Rev. S. Kau-yan Lee, Mrs. Grace C. Hsieh and the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, who were on the platform.

The large attendance included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In opening the meeting, Mr. North said:

"I feel that perhaps I ought to begin with a confession. When I was asked to preside at this meeting I felt at first a little hesitation. Although I know a good deal about the splendid work that Miss Elliot and her colleagues have been doing I was a little vague about the exact functions of the Social Service Centre of the Churches, and how it differed, for example, from the Social Service Council."

"Perhaps this is not unnatural. There is an old joke about my own Department which alleges that it is known to the Chinese as the Compradore Shop because it deals with such a variety of merchandise."

Included among these dry goods are several hundred Societies of every sort and kind. So it is not surprising that I sometimes get them mixed up. But when Dean Wilson very kindly found time to take me to the old City Hall to see for myself what was being done, I realised that my presence here is not so inappropriate after all; because what Miss Elliot is doing there is exactly the same sort of thing as I did myself for many years, and as my assistants are doing today."

### UNHAPPY TIMES

"In these unhappy times a far larger proportion than I remember are homeless wanderers seeking food and shelter, but I see from her report that she too has to settle family differences and I expect that she too finds a little comic relief amid all these tragedies."

"I remember once asking a woman why she had left her husband. 'Well,' she said, 'You see I married him when his first wife died; and the other day her ghost came and pinched me.' Another woman who had been abandoned by her husband came to ask whether she might get someone to adopt her children. I asked, who

would adopt them? She said, 'I've got someone to take care of the girl, and I thought I might raffle the boy at a dollar a ticket. Then there was the man who married a witch—but that is a long story.'"

### PERSONAL CONTACT

"It is more than ten years now since I had much personal contact with people coming for help and advice, but I should be surprised to hear that they have changed during that time. Of the two things that struck me most one is the fundamental decency of these little people of China."

"They are seldom spongers—though poverty is usually the root of their troubles—but good honest men and women, victims of this cruel madness that has broken loose in the world."

"The other thing is how much can often be done with so little money. I have known destitute people rescued from attempted suicide when as little as ten, or perhaps even five dollars has been enough to give them a fresh start."

"A small sum in all conscience but it should not be forgotten that in these days those in distress can be counted by the thousand. So I should like to add my appeal to that contained in the Society's report with the reminder that the smallest donations may save a life or make a derelict into a useful citizen."

### ANNUAL REPORT

Miss Elliot, in presenting her annual report, remarked that it was the hope of the Social Service Centre the time was not far distant when quarterly conferences could be called of all social welfare workers in the Colony, to ensure that a maximum service be given to the community without overlapping.

"Much of our time, as in the previous year," Miss Elliot said, "has been given to work of an emergency character; but there has been, also, an increasing number of appeals for help from local people, who are our first responsibility."

"One of the most distressing parts of this is the appeal that comes from applicants who have been in much better circumstances and who find it difficult to ask for relief."

"For such the latter is most frequently given in the form of small loans and it is encouraging to note that a number of these loans are refunded as soon as their circumstances improve."

"We have been appalled, especially of late, at the increased number of those who show signs of undernourishment and weakness. We have had many at the point of starvation, and many times, have had to call in the ambulance to convey them to the hospital for immediate attention."

### STARVING CHILDREN

"In the case of starving children, we can now meet the need on the spot, having been given an electric hot plate. Through the kindness of this friend, hot milk or gruel can now be given to such special cases."

"We welcome the new move that is now being made to regulate the prices of fuel and of the staple food of this underprivileged people, realising that in this way such dire need will be in great measure relieved."

Miss Elliot paid tribute to the staff of the Centre for their work throughout the year, and thanked the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North for having so kindly consented to take the Chair.

### GOVERNOR'S INTEREST

Concluding, Miss Elliot welcomed to the meeting His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote whose continued interest, she said, had furthered in no small degree the work of permanent and constructive value which the Centre, with the aid of the Government, had been able to render for so many during the year.

"My last word," Miss Elliot concluded, "must be of very real appreciation of the wise counsel and constant support of our Chairman, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, just now, when Hongkong is beginning to show its concern for the social betterment of its people, our Social Service Centre, more than most organisations, will miss him greatly."

## PRINCE EDWARD RD. ROBBERY

### Two Men Gaoled At Sessions

After evidence was given by the principal witness of the Crown in the case in which three men were charged before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with robbery by two or more, the second accused was discharged on the Crown withdrawing against him.

The man discharged was LAU KWAI-FUI, 20, coolie, who was charged together with FUNG SHU, 28, carpenter, and YU HONG, 35, with robbing an amah Leung Ngan-ho, of \$1,000 Chinese currency, the property of her master, Chan Chi-man, at No. 307 Prince Edward Road on Jan. 29. The other two accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Chief Det. Insp. A. E. Carey. The following jury heard the case: Messrs. P. A. Dixon (Foreman), Wong Sui-ki, Johannes Graf, J. O. Sequeira, Tam Chin-poo, M. Tajan and K. B. Nelson.

### WANTED TO ROB

In evidence, Lo Kwong, house boy, stated that he knew Yu Hong, third accused, who came to him on Jan. 29 and told him that he and another four men wanted to rob his master.

Questioned by second accused, witness admitted that he (accused) had told the other men not to commit the robbery.

Fung Shu and Yu Hong were each sentenced to 18 months' hard labour with 12 strokes of the cane.

## Chinese Team For Governor's Cup Replay On Sunday

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP, competed for annually by the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Hongkong Football Association, has never been more closely contested than this year.

In the first game the Chinese won 1-0. The Association won the second 4-2. A third game was necessary and resulted in a draw of 3-all last Saturday.

At a meeting held last night, the Chinese chose a strong team for the second replay at Caroline Hill on Sunday, at 4 p.m.

The following is the team: Cheung Wing-choy; Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Kee-cheung; Lau Hing-choy, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, V. K. Hyui, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to. Managers: Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

### SATURDAY'S MATCH

The following have also been chosen for the match, between the Shanghai Chinese and the Hongkong Chinese teams, in aid of a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wo (Darky Chen) well-known in Hongkong and Shanghai football circles, to be played at Caroline Hill on Saturday, at 4 p.m.

HONGKONG CHINESE:—Tam Kwan-kon; Hau Yung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan (Capt.); Kwok Ying-ki, Lam Tak-po, Soong Ling-seng; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

SHANGHAI CHINESE:—Cheung Wing-choy; Ng Kee-cheung, Yim Tse-yum; Lau Tsi-chen, Hsu King-seng, Tsui Ah-fai; C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), V. K. Hyui and Lee Shek-yau.

## IN POSSESSION OF AERIAL

Apprehended while in possession of a coil of wireless aerial about 3 a.m. yesterday in Tsimshatsui, a Chinese, named Ng was arrested by the police and will be charged. A number of wireless aerials have been stolen recently in Kowloon, Baron's Court and the Police Quarters, Hankow Road, being among the victims.

## CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Open Chess Championship Tournaments were:

Senior Championship: C. M. Sequeira beat G. S. Coxhead; Junior Championship: J. Taus beat Wm. Lee, To Yu-lau beat R. C. Gardner.

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## BRITAIN'S HEALTH

BETTER NOW THAN IN TIMES OF PEACE

The British civilian front has stood up to the Blitzkrieg remarkably well in more ways than one. Not only has national morale been unaffected, but national health has remained unimpaired.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, said: "In general Britain's health is not only better than this time last year, but even better than during the last two winters of peace. There have been no cases of epidemics, a negligible number of bomb shock cases, and children have been little affected."

"Influenza deaths in London and big towns totalled 778 in the first six weeks of this year compared with 1,827 in the same period last year, and 1,309 in 1938. There have only been two cases of typhoid or paratyphoid. Last year there were five."

### ALWAYS RISES

"The only disease of a serious character which has increased is cerebrospinal fever, which always rises in wartime. The death rate, however, has been greatly reduced by new methods of drug treatment."

"From all causes there have been in London and big towns 10,000 fewer deaths in the first six weeks of this year than in the same period last year, even including in the total all deaths due to air raids. The figures are 43,591 this year, and 53,587 last year."

The Minister also pointed out that the prevention of infectious diseases in public shelters has been very successful. In almost every big shelter in London there is now a "miniature hospital," and some shelters have a resident, or full-time doctor. Over 200 doctors pay nightly visits, and nearly 300 more are available if called.

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